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## RENT CONTROL PROBLEM.

## TO-DAYS COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

### QUESTION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.

The rents question came before the Legislative Council this afternoon, when the Government submitted a resolution proposing a continuance of the Ordinance until the end of the present year, this, however, being put forward merely as a basis of discussion. The resolution, which stood in the name of the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Sir Claud Sovern) was in the following terms:—

"Whereas by section 10 of the Rents Ordinance, 1922, it was provided as follows:—

"This Ordinance shall continue in force until, and including, the 30th day of June, 1924: Provided that it shall be lawful for the Legislative Council from time to time by resolution to extend the duration of this Ordinance for each term, not exceeding one year at any one time, as may be specified in such resolution."

"And whereas by a resolution of the Legislative Council of the 22nd day of May, 1924, the duration of the said Ordinance has been extended until and including the 30th day of June, 1925."

"And whereas the Legislative Council deems it expedient that the duration of the said Ordinance should be further extended."

"Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved by the Legislative Council that the duration of the Rents Ordinance, 1922, shall be extended until and including the 31st day of December, 1925."

Moving the resolution, the Colonial Secretary said that it was made in order that the question of continuing the Rents Ordinance might come before the Council for consideration, and, after it has been seconded, he would move a further resolution.

The Hon. Attorney General seconded.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary then moved that the matter be referred to a committee of the whole Council for consideration.

His Excellency the Governor said he would like to say that the motion had been brought forward in its present form as it was his desire that the Council might have something which they could consider, and it took a particular form not because it was the one to be adopted, but because any form would be suitable for the purpose of bringing the matter before the Council. What they desired was a full examination and a thorough investigation of the facts. Obviously it was very desirable that landlords and tenants should know within reasonable time before the end of June this year how long they might expect the present system of control to continue. He suggested that the committee of the Council should be a general one instead of a special one, because the question was an important one, on which many of the members would wish to express their opinions. Those members who were not interested might absent themselves, and he hoped those who were interested would attend regularly and go into the matter thoroughly. He thought that the Hon. Attorney General would make a most suitable Chairman, as highly legal questions must arise. He trusted Sir Henry Pollock would be able to deputise for Mr. Kemp if he was unable to be present.

The Hon. Attorney General seconded the motion that the matter be referred to a general committee of the Council, and this was approved.

## FOUND DEAD.

### SUDDEN HAEMORRHAGE.

Washington, Feb. 25.  
The Republican Senator Medill McCormick has been found dead in his hotel, death being apparently due to gastric haemorrhage.—*Reuter's American Service.*



This is the most recent photograph of Senator Medill McCormick, of Illinois, who was said to be "in the running" for the Ambassadorship to Germany.

## HOME FOOTBALL.

### CUP REPLAYS.

London, Feb. 25.  
The following are results of F.A. Cup replays:—  
Blackpool 3, West Ham 0.  
The Villa 1, West Bromwich 2.  
Scottish Cup replay:—  
Motherwell 1, Aberdeen 2.—*Reuter.*

### LEAGUE MATCHES.

London, Feb. 25.  
The following are League results:—  
First division, English League: Everton 1, Cardiff 2.  
Second division: Port Vale 2, Stockport 0.  
Derby 2, Bradford City 0.  
South Shields 2, Fulham 1.  
Scottish League: Falkirk 2, St. Johnstone 0.  
Hibernians 3, Raith 0.  
Kilmarnock 3, Morton 1.  
Dundee 1, Ayr 0.  
Rangers 1, Airdrie 1.—*Reuter.*

### SCOTTISH CUP DRAW.

London, Feb. 25.  
The Scottish Cup draw for the fourth round, to be played on March 7th, is:—  
Dundee vs. Broxburn United.  
St. Mirren vs. Celtic.  
Aberdeen vs. Hamilton.  
Kilmarnock vs. Rangers.—*Reuter.*

## WEST RIVER NEWS.

### ANOTHER BOAT AGROUND.

#### A CROP OF MISHAPS.

The Hongkong-Wuchow passenger steamer *Wo Fu*, Captain Webster, went aground not far away from the Junction Channel in the West River yesterday. This steamer is reported to be sticking fast rather hard, and we hear that the Company's other steamer, the *Sun On*, is standing by her. Full particulars of the accident are lacking, but she was observed still to be aground at 1 o'clock this morning. The place where she struck is one of the more intricate entrances to the West River. The extent of the damage—if any—was not known at the time of going to press.

#### ANOTHER MISHAP.

The steamer *Tai Ming*, Captain R. Spink, was leaving Sam Shui yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock and steering out the channel where the big joss house, with a tide gauge is situated. Before she got as far as the joss house, it is said that a cargo junk, which did not observe the "rule of the road" properly, steered across her bow when the *Tai Ming* could not get out of her way because of being in a narrow channel. As the *Tai Ming* did not expect any obstructions, she was already under way at full speed, and consequently struck the unfortunate junk so hard that the latter sank in less than three minutes. Sampan people who were around the vicinity managed to pick up the majority of the cargo junk's crew, but we hear that three or four people were drowned.

The *Tai Ming's* captain assisted to the best of his ability in picking up the survivors, and afterwards returned to Sam Shui harbour in order to report the details of the accident.

#### A CASUALTY.

The locally-owned Chinese Hongkong-Wuchow passenger steamer *Kook Ning* is at present at anchor near Wang Mun on account of broken down machinery. It is reported that her tail shaft is broken, and in that case she will in all probability have to be towed back here to have her shaft replaced before she will be able to resume her voyage.

### "KUNG ON" STILL AGROUND.

The Kongmoon steamer *Kung On*, Captain R. Best, was observed to be still ashore at midnight. As she was still heeling over considerably, it is apparent that she has not yet managed to get lightened enough to get her off. A cargo junk was noted to be removing some of the remaining cargo, and one of H. M. gunboats is standing by.

### "THE TACK HING."

#### COMMANDEERED LAUNCH LOCATED.

The large steam launch *Tack Hing*, which was commandeered nearly a week ago, has now been located. She is an easily recognizable steamer as she has a yellow smoke stack with a black star on it. She has for the last three or four days been lying off the Naval College near Canton, and was recognised by a captain of one of our river steamers, who left Canton yesterday. She was flying the "Southern Republic" naval flag at the time. It is stated that two of H. M. gunboats left Pak Kai on Monday in order to try and locate the vessel, because it had been erroneously reported to them that the launch was British. They resumed their regular duties, however, when it was learned that the launch was really Chinese.

In this connection it is interesting to note that the armed cruiser, *Wing Fung*, has been absent from Canton for the last four days, and it is rumoured in responsible circles that she is now off on another commanding cruise against the pirates.

## AIR TRAVEL.

### SAFER AND FASTER.

#### NEW EMPIRE ROUTES.

London, Feb. 25.  
A revolution in air travel whereby airships of the future will travel more safely and faster, and can be moored to floating bases, is foreshadowed in an authoritative statement with regard to the new five million cubic foot airship being constructed by the Airship Guarantee Company for the Imperial airship route.

It appears that the crew and passengers will be accommodated in the body of the craft, instead of in the outside cars, thus enabling an increase of speed by over 80 miles an hour, and a considerable increase in the flight range, so that it will be possible to fly from England to Bagdad in two days, to Colombo in four, from Antwerp to six and a half, and Auckland in nine days.—*Reuter.*

#### BASE IN INDIA.

Bombay, Feb. 25.  
Sir Sefton Brancker, interviewed by *Reuter*, said it had been decided to make Karachi the first experimental airship base, with a mooring mast and gas plant.

The Imperial Government would spend £1,250,000 on the erection of the base. Major General Brancker declared that the Government would make a gift of the site. He emphasised that the time had arrived for India to rouse herself in aviation matters. There was too much talk about railways. They must think for the future of air lines connecting the important towns of India and speeding up the mail services.—*Reuter.*

## OUR COMPETITION.

### LAST WEEK'S WORDS.

#### Many in the Running.

The eighth week of our Motor Car Competition, coupons for which came in yesterday, shows that there are many contestants well in the running for the three handsome prizes offered. At present, there are over three hundred competitors with credits to their names, and there is the keenest competition for the leading places. In order to give all an equal chance, we have decided not to publish the positions of the various contestants, but we can go as far as to say that the first place at present is occupied by a competitor who three weeks ago was well down the list. There are still many weeks to go, and doubtless other changes will be recorded as the Competition progresses. The correct words for last week were:—

Feb. 16th.—SHIP.  
Feb. 17th.—TOLD.  
Feb. 18th.—ABIDE.  
Feb. 19th.—LOOK.  
Feb. 20th.—POEM.  
Feb. 21st.—SENSE.

As the Competition continues, we find that best progress is made by those who vary their chances by sending in a number of different solutions for a given word. Heavy "plumping" on one word pays well if that word happens to be the correct one, but the riskiness of such a procedure is apparent.

A point to be emphasised about this Competition is that it is a simple and entertaining contest, involving no canvassing by the contestants and no soliciting for subscriptions. The prizes will go to those who, for the period of the Competition, send in the highest number of correctly-marked coupons. There are no other conditions. The first prize is a magnificent 1925 model five-passenger Dodge motor-car; the second, a fine Victrola cabinet gramophone; and the third is a new model Underwood typewriter. Get your friends to give you their coupons if they are not entering themselves, and thus increase your chances of winning.

## QUEEN'S PIER.

### THE DELAY IN COMPLETION.

A report on the progress being made in the construction of the entrance portion of Queen's Pier was laid before the Legislative Council to-day. Signed by the Director of Public Works, it was as follows:—

With reference to the quarterly report of 30th September, the date for completion of the contract was extended from 30th June to 4th October. The contractors gave definite assurance to finish the work within this extended period, while they were informed that in default the penalty would be enforced. As the contractors made no serious effort to fulfil their obligations, Clause No. 25 of the conditions of contract came into operation, with a penalty of \$100 for every week after the expiration of the extended time allowed.

The progress during the month of October was very slow and actual building operations were again suspended from 17th to 23rd inclusive. On investigations of a protracted nature being made it was apparent that the contractors had once again failed to fulfil their assurances in regard to financial matters. The progress during the month of November was unsatisfactory, though a very slight improvement was shown towards the end of the month.

The contractors and representatives of the Building Contractors' Association, on behalf of the sub-contractor for the masonry work, submitted suggestions and proposals for entering into an agreement whereby the latter would be guaranteed payment on the completion of the contract. After negotiations and conferences had taken place, the proposals were embodied in an agreement which was signed by the contractors on 3rd December. The agreement was submitted and approved by Government.

A satisfactory improvement in the carrying out of the contract was shown during the month of December and night work was undertaken to expedite the work. However, there appears to be a tendency towards inferior workmanship.

The work at present is practically completed up to the level of the main cornice and the value of the work actually built is approximately equal to three-quarters of the value of the total contract.

#### OTHER BUILDINGS.

Reports were also tabled regarding the new Fire Station building and the new Saiyungpun School. The former stated that satisfactory progress has been made with the contract, it being added that considerable quantities of materials were delivered on the site, but as the available space for storage is limited, a slight congestion has been experienced, with a tendency to hamper building operations. This difficulty will, however, disappear as the building advances. Regarding Saiyungpun School, it is reported that progress on this building during the past three months has been very good and about half of the carcass of the building is now constructed. If the present rate of progress is maintained throughout the work, the School should be completed well within the contract time, which expires in April, 1926.

## KURDS IN REVOLT.

### LED BY VISIONARY.

Constantinople, Feb. 25.  
A message from Ankara states that an insurrection of Kurds has broken out in several districts of Anatolia, headed by Sheikh Said, an alleged fanatical visionary whose object is to restore the Khalifate and form a Kurdish State.

It is reported that the insurgents have captured Kharpout. Two Turkish divisions have been ordered to restore tranquillity.—*Reuter.*

## [SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".]

## NEW BRITISH BATTLESHIPS

### PRINCE HENRY FALLS ILL.

## WILL ST. PAUL'S BE CLOSED?

London, Feb. 25.  
Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty, informed a questioner in the House of Commons to-day that it was anticipated that the battleships *Nelson* and *Rodney*, which were laid down in December, 1922, would be launched in the autumn of this year, and would be complete about the end of next year.

In connection with Mr. Bridgeman's statement, it should be mentioned that, under the Washington pact, when those two battleships are ready for sea, four existing battleships will be scrapped, namely the *Ajax*, *Centurion*, *King George V*, and *Thunderer*.

### INFLUENZA VICTIM.

#### Prince Henry Indisposed.

London, Feb. 25.  
Prince Henry, who had arranged to visit the horse show at Bellingham this afternoon as the King's representative, was prevented by illness from fulfilling the engagement.

It is understood that he is suffering from a mild attack of influenza.

### FOREIGN POLICY.

#### No Commitments.

London, Feb. 25.  
In the House of Commons, Mr. Austen Chamberlain was asked whether, upon the question of French security, any assurances which would in any degree affect the freedom of action of the British Government in regard to the evacuation of Cologne had been given to the French Government. He replied that no such assurances had been given. Questioned whether he proposed to submit amendments to the Geneva Protocol at the forthcoming meeting of the Council of the

League of Nations, Mr. Chamberlain declared that the consideration of the Protocol by the Government had not yet been concluded, and it was undesirable to make any statement on it.

### PRESERVATION OF ST. PAUL'S.

#### Representative Committee.

London, Feb. 25.  
A meeting of a representative Committee for the preservation of St. Paul's Cathedral will be held shortly, when the suggestions made to the Dean and Chapter and exports of the Cathedral at the recent Conference with a special sub-committee of the City Corporation will be considered. Amongst the questions which will be on the agenda is, it is understood, that of closing the Cathedral for a few months.

### LABOUR'S LEVY.

#### Conservative Opposition.

London, Feb. 25.  
To-morrow it is expected that a decision will be reached by a Cabinet committee under Lord Birkenhead as to whether the Government shall support the private Bill of Mr. Macquisten, a Conservative, which provides that levies by trades unions for political purposes shall be paid only by members of a union who wish to do so.

While the committee will have before it the resolution passed yesterday by a number of the rank and file of the Conservatives in favour of the Bill, it will also consider proposals by other Conservatives. One of them is that the Government should seek a means of settling this question by agreement with the Labour Party, and another is that a comprehensive enquiry should be held into the matter before the Bill is proceeded with.

## LOW WATER.

### RESTRICTED KOWLOON SUPPLY.

Owing to the comparatively dry spell which we have experienced this winter, and, apparently, a big consumption, the water in the Colony's reservoirs has fallen very low. The level at the Kowloon reservoirs is at the bed barely covered by water. It will have been noticed that an advertisement published in the local Press by the Water Authority notified a restriction of the Kowloon supply from Sunday next.

On enquiry from the water office to-day a representative of the *Telegraph* was informed that the position, while it gives no cause for immediate anxiety, is quite serious enough to require a strict conservation of supplies. The authorities estimate that, with the restrictions to be introduced in Kowloon, the supply will be adequate for all purposes up to the end of June. Should heavy rains fall before April, the restrictions would probably be removed; but should something of a drought prevail during the next few weeks, the water supply would have to be even further restricted.

On his referring to the fact that last year's rainfall was well above the average, it was pointed out to our representative that the real problem is the conservation of this supply, so that it should not run to waste. The

## LIQUOR ON U.S. TRANSPORT.

### CONCEALED IN CABINS.

Washington, Feb. 25.  
The navy transport *Desford* has returned from a Cruise in the West Indies. Prohibition agents who boarded the vessel seized forty cases of liquor concealed in the rooms of the men and petty officers.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## TO-DAY.

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Our representative was informed that the Hongkong reservoirs are also at a very low level at present, and unless ample rainfall occurs shortly it will most probably become necessary to restrict the supplies on the island as well.

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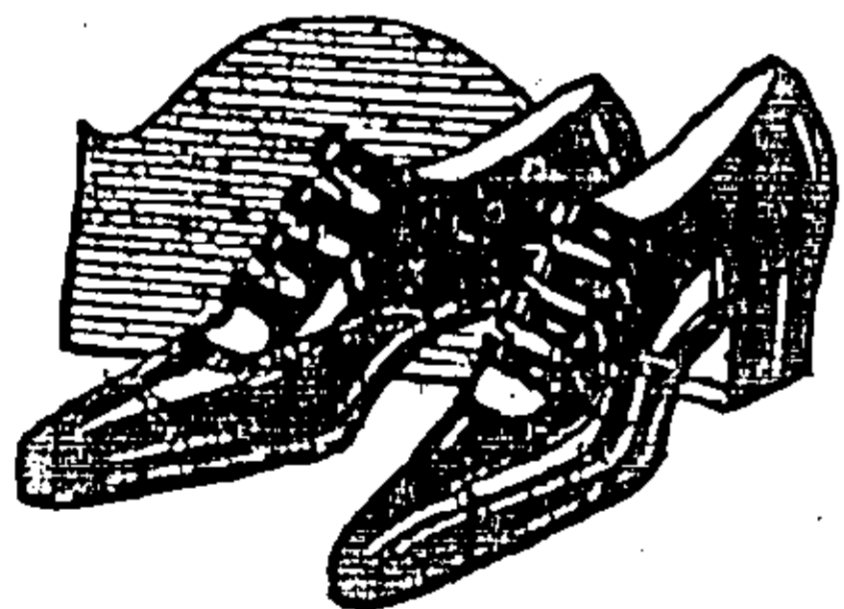
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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## FROM LONDON TO AUSTRALIA BY AIR.

Karachi, February 25.

Sir Sefton Branker, who, piloted by Alan Cobham, flew from England to India to investigate questions connected with the establishment of an airship service, started homewards this morning by the same route. A most useful survey of the airways was made, and it is likely that the airship service will start in 1926, with an experimental service for a year from London to Egypt, non-stop, and from Egypt to Karachi, also non-stop. If this is successful a passenger service will be established in 1927, with possibly an extension to Australia as the ultimate object.

Possibly aeroplane routes will be established in 1926 from Egypt or Bagdad to India, to act as a link with the airships. The next year, 1927, should see an aeroplane and airship route to Calcutta and Rangoon, also aerial activities in British East Africa. Mr. Cobham hopes to survey Africa this year.—Reuter.

## NARCOTIC DRUGS.

London, February 25.

Sir John Jordan, in a letter of the Times, draws attention to the situation as regards the importation of narcotic drugs into North China, which, he says, has become a dumping ground. He declares that the position has gone from bad to worse in the past few years.

In a letter from the Secretary of the International Anti-Opium Conference at Peking reporting an almost desperate state of things, Sir John Jordan points out that China produces none of these drugs, and says that Japan and Western countries have a grave responsibility in the matter, as they introduced the evil. Unless they face it with more honesty of purpose than hitherto he is inclined to agree with the Anti-Opium Association of Peking that it would be better to allow China continued use of opium smoking.—Reuter.

## GERMANY AT INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCE.

Paris, February 25.

Concerning the question of disarmament, several papers fear that the summoning of Germany to the inter-Allied Conference, even only with a view to discussing ways of carrying out the Allies' decisions, would result in the reconsidering of the decisions themselves, as was the case at the last London conference for the execution of the Dawes plan. Moreover the Press emphasised the danger of Germany developing a movement for Austria's annexation, and consider it would be unwise, especially now, to permit the Germans to discuss the clauses of the Treaty which they are bound to comply with.—Havas.

## U.S.A. AND THE SOVIET UNION.

Moscow, February 25.

The Izvestia, in an editorial commenting on what it describes as the change of attitude of the United States towards the establishment of normal relations with the Soviet Union, says additional impetus is given to the negotiations of the Russo-Japanese agreement by the fact that the United States is interested in the Soviet market. The Izvestia considers the best way to secure a resumption of normal relations would be unconditional recognition of the Soviet by the United States, after which both Governments could appoint special committees to consider all debatable questions and claims.—Reuter.

## MR. KELLOGG RETURNS HOME.

New York, February 25.

Mr. Kellogg (the successor to Mr. C. E. Hughes) arrived to-day, but declined to discuss with Pressmen his policy as Secretary of State and denied that he had brought back a plan for the limitation of armaments. He was not willing to discuss the United States attitude towards Russia on the ground that the situation was in the hands of the Administration. He said nothing was more important to Americans than that England and all the world would return to the gold standard; nothing could do more to promote trade.—Reuter's American Service.

## INTERNATIONAL ARMAMENTS CONFERENCE.

Geneva, February 25.

Up to the present thirty States, including the United States, Germany and Turkey have announced their intention of attending the International Conference for the control of armaments to be held here on March 5.—Reuter.

## SECOND OPIUM CONFERENCE.

Geneva, February 25.

The French delegates have signed the convention drawn up by the second Opium Conference.—Reuter.

## KING PROGRESSING WELL.

London, February 25.

The King is now progressing well. No bulletin was issued to-day.—Reuter.

## CYCLONIC BATTING.

NEW SOUTH WALES  
SCORE 619.

Sydney, February 25.—The M.C.C.—N.S.W. match was drawn. New South Wales scored 619. Marylebone's second innings realised 296 for 8 wickets. Woolley was exhilarating, compiling 80 in 102 minutes, hitting 8 fours. Sandham batted for three hours, scoring 104, including six fours. Chapman was cyclonic. He scored 47 in 17 minutes, hitting 4 sixes, two in succession.—Reuter.

## THE PANCHEN LAMA.

## ARRIVES IN PEKING.

Peking, February 25.—The Panchen Lama arrived this morning. As a special tribute to the Lamas of high estate the front gate of Chienmen, formerly only opened when the Emperor visited the Temple of Heaven, was thrown open and the Panchen entourage passed through en route to Yingtai. It is reported that the Panchen will visit Yangtse after staying a month in Peking.—Reuter.

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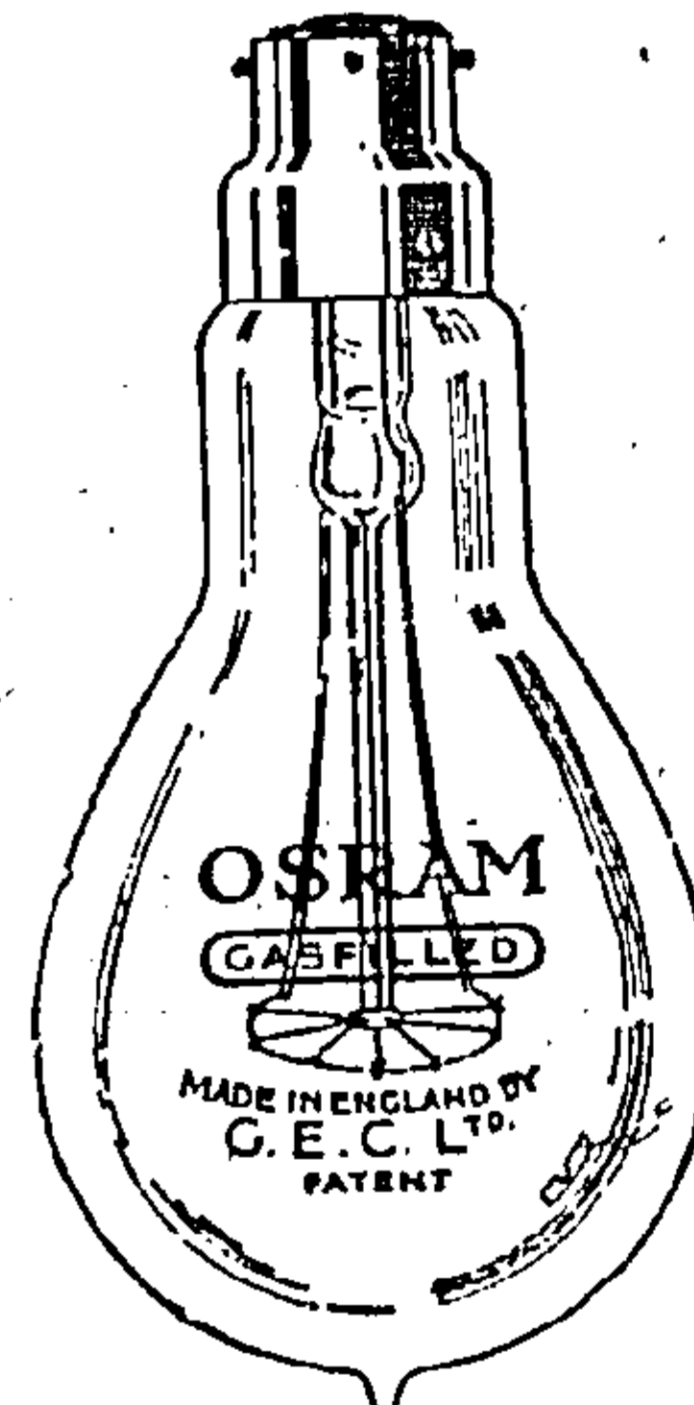
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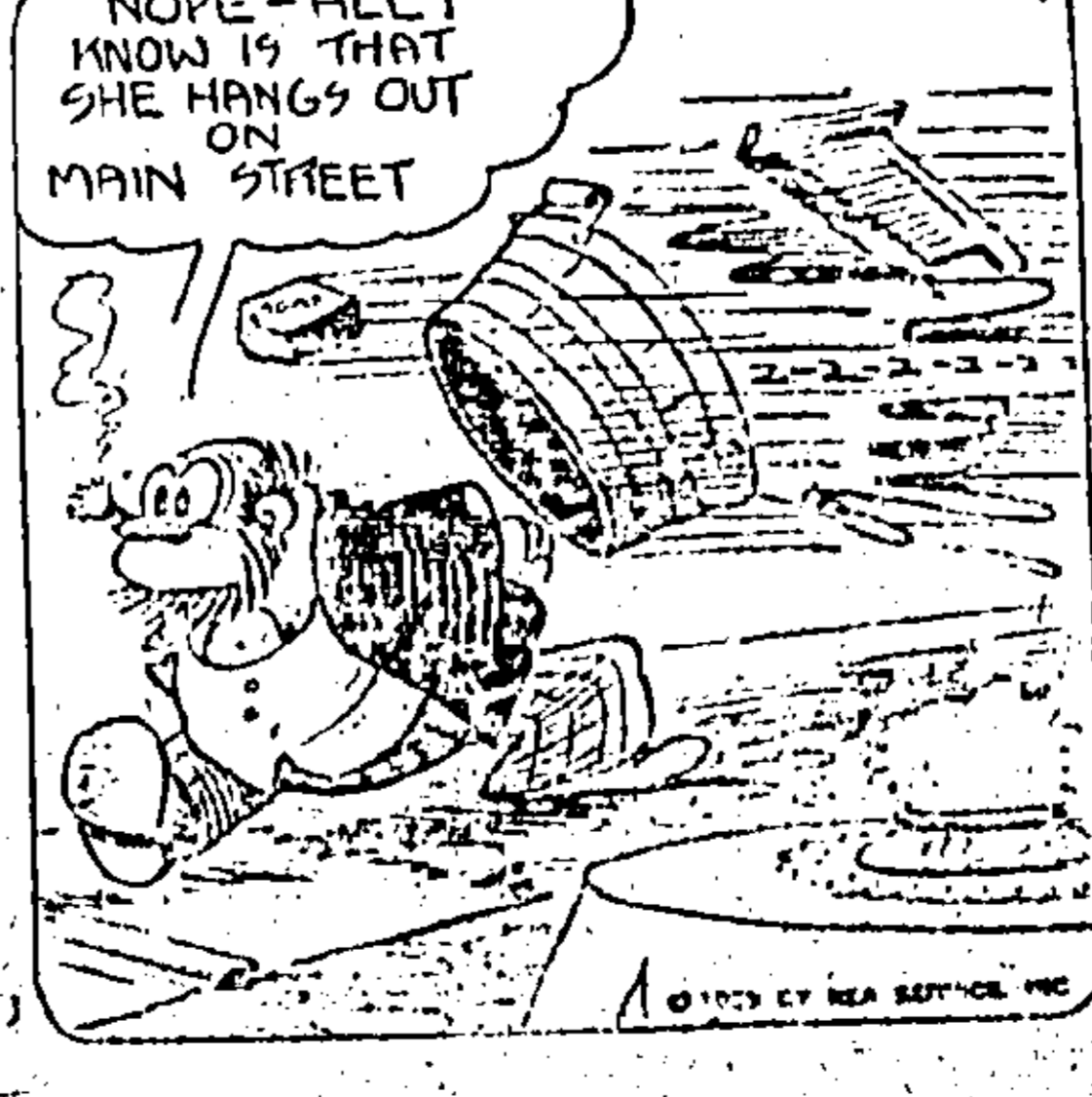
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### KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.

#### FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

Mr. E. Cock (the President) presided at the first annual meeting of the Kowloon Golf Club held in the Central British School last evening. He was supported by Mr. W. Paterson (Secretary), Mr. S. Jordain (Hon. Treasurer) and members of the Committee. There was a good attendance of members.

In a few preliminary remarks, the Chairman said he thought they could congratulate themselves that they were in such a good position. Personally he could not call it altogether satisfactory, because he would like to see the Club without anything in the way of debentures to pay off or anything else. They, however, hoped that in course of time they would reach that happy position. (Hear, hear.)

On the proposal of Mr. A. W. E. Davidson, seconded by Mr. C. Burford, the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Before proceeding to the election of officers, the Chairman said that since the Club started about the middle of 1924 a very great amount of work had been done, both in its organisation and upon the land that they had had allotted to them, a subject to which he referred when His Excellency the Governor and the then General Officer Commanding (Major General, Fowler) jointly opened the course. He considered that they could claim that they were firmly on their feet, and although there were a few pitfalls still ahead of them, he thought they would come out all right in the end. On behalf of the outgoing officers and Committee, he would like to say that they had been materially helped by the support given them both by kindly criticism at times and the members who had been turning up to play golf. He ventured to express the hope that the new Committee would be given similar support.

In this connection, the Chairman said he would like to say that he considered that the support they needed was of two kinds—moral and financial. Moral support they must have, and financial support they could not do without. As to financial support they had created debentures of very low denomination—each debenture was \$10—and the view of the Committee was that it would be better for one hundred members to take up one debenture each than that one thousand or so debentures should be in the hands of a few individuals. He invited all who were in a position to do so to take up one or more debentures. They carried interest at six per cent. and were not an unsound proposition. He hoped members would give that matter their consideration.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

On the proposition of Capt. Chippindall, seconded by Mr. A. W. E. Davidson, Mr. E. Cock was unanimously re-elected president. Other elections were as under:

Vice-President, Capt. Chippindall.  
Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. D. Thompson.  
Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Paterson.  
Captain of the Club, Capt. Chippindall.  
Committee—Messrs S. Jordain, J. H. Kynoch, J. C. Fletcher, J. Smith, C. Burford and T. F. Claxton.

### THE DOUBLE FAULT.

#### NEW RULE ANNOUNCED

London, February 25.—The English Lawn Tennis Association announced, after consultation with the American Association and leading British players, the following wording of the double fault rule, agreed upon to be submitted to the International Federation: "Rule Six.—Immediately before commencing to serve, the server shall stand with both feet behind the base line and within an imaginary continuation of the centre mark and the side line. Thereafter until the service is delivered, the server shall, (a) not change position by walking or running; (b) maintain contact with the ground, and (c) keep both feet behind the base line."

Owing to the number of international matches played annually the resolution will be submitted to the Federation. Lawn Tennis will not be included in the programme of the Olympic games.—Reuters.

### POLICE SUICIDE.

#### CONSTABLE SWALLOWS OPIUM.

Sitting as Coroner at the Central Magistrate's yesterday afternoon, Mr. J. R. Wood conducted an enquiry into the circumstances connected with the death of Wong Fung-yau, a Weiheiwei constable.

The following gentlemen formed the jury—Messrs A. Brerly, D. Bone and S. Boulton.

The deceased was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital between 10 and 11 p.m. on February 12 and died next morning, the cause of death being opium poisoning. About ten witnesses were called yesterday. It was established in the evidence that the deceased had been subject to attacks of malaria and had been treated in hospital for that illness last year. But on February 12 he appeared to be in good health and, in fact, seemed to be quite happy when he talked with his Weiheiwei colleagues. He had taken part in two promotion examinations conducted by the Police Training School and failed on both occasions. He was informed of his second failure on the afternoon of February 12, but received the news without visible signs of disappointment. After his evening meal the deceased left the barracks with a fellow constable, who was also a Weiheiwei man. They called on another Weiheiwei constable living at Centre Street and the three partook of food in the house of the third man. They also had drinks, but the evidence showed that none of the men was drunk when the repast was over.

#### Adjourned to Cinema.

Sometime after 7 p.m. the deceased and the constable who came out with him from the barracks, left the house and adjourned to a cinema. The deceased was then known to have \$4 on him, the proceeds of pawning some of his own clothes. They left the theatre about 8.45 p.m., the other constable parting from the deceased at Queen's Road West and returning alone to the barracks. About 10 p.m., after he had turned in, the deceased woke him up and told him that he was in pain and sick. A report was made to the Sergeant Major and finally the deceased was taken to hospital under the instructions of Sergeant Dixon, officer in charge of the "D" contingent.

On the morning of the 13th, Sergeant Dixon searched the effects of the deceased, but found no traces of opium. It was clearly shown in the evidence that the deceased did not tell the other constable or anyone on the night of the 12th that he had swallowed opium. The Coroner briefly reviewed the evidence after the last witness had been dismissed. He said the movements of the deceased after he separated from the other constable were not traced. It was presumed he had sufficient money in his possession to buy such quantity of opium that could poison him. A suggestion was made that the man might have taken the opium to alleviate his pains, but against that was the conduct of the man and other circumstances. The evidence justified a verdict of suicide being returned.

The jury agreed after a short consultation and a verdict of "suicide by opium poisoning" was accordingly recorded.

### HOCKEY.

#### CLUB BEAT THE ARMY.

Yesterday a Hongkong Hockey club team played the Army on the U.S.R.C. and did quite a good performance in beating them by four goals to three. The weather was unpleasant but the game was keenly contested and played throughout even.

On the Marina ground the Club "A" team played the Bombay Grenadiers and had to admit defeat by the large margin of nine goals to two. However it should be mentioned that the Club team were a man short throughout the game.

### "SCARAMOUCHE."

#### LAST SHOWS TO-DAY.

"Scaramouche," Rex Ingram's photoplay for Metro, which was adapted to the screen from Rafael Sabatini's novel, will finish its engagement at the Queen's Theatre to-day and those who have not seen it should not fail to do so.

This example of the new development in the photoplay must be seen to be appreciated. The picture, which has played long runs in the larger cities, is a most thrilling and romantic story dealing with the French Revolution, and tracing a group of characters through astounding adventures.

In the production are Ingram's star trio of "The Prisoner of Zenda"—Alice Terry, Lewis Stone and Ramon Novarro. Ten thousand appear in the mob scenes.

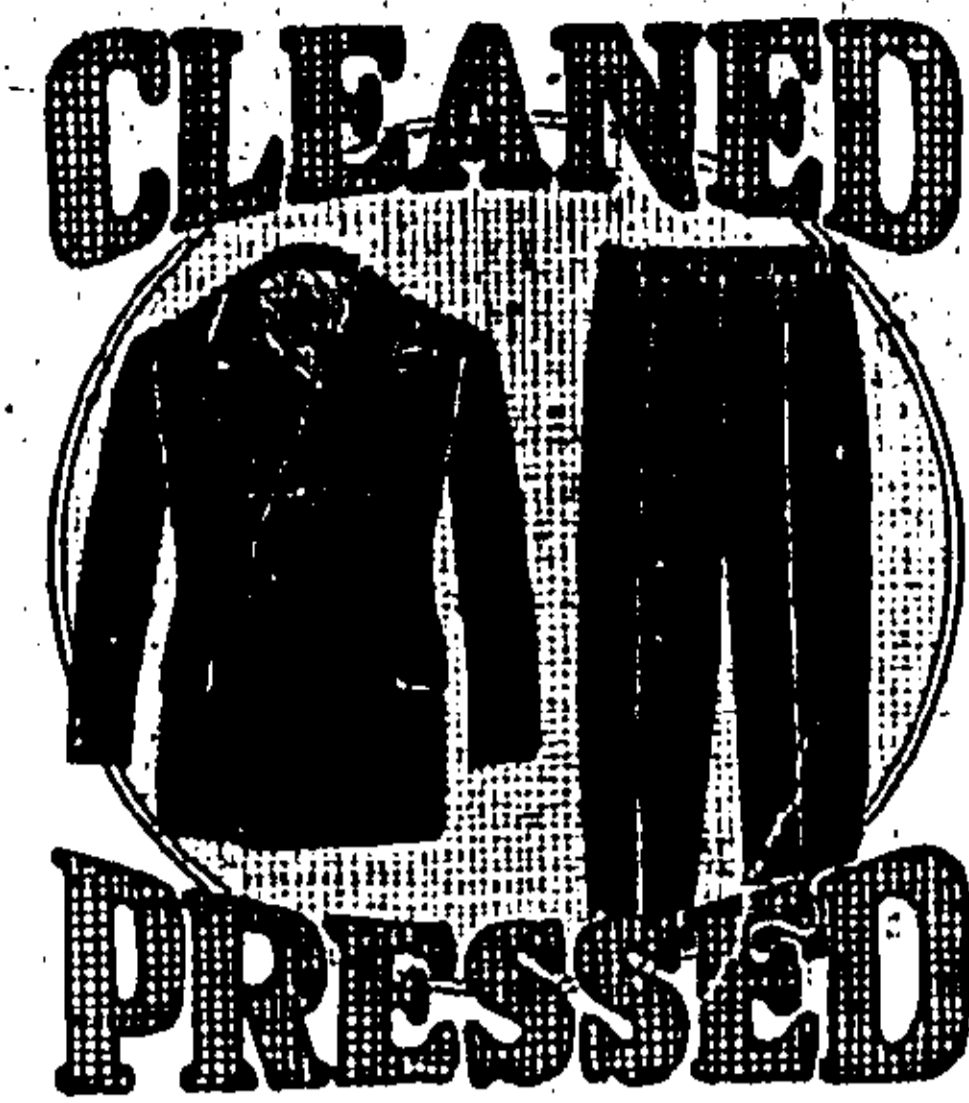
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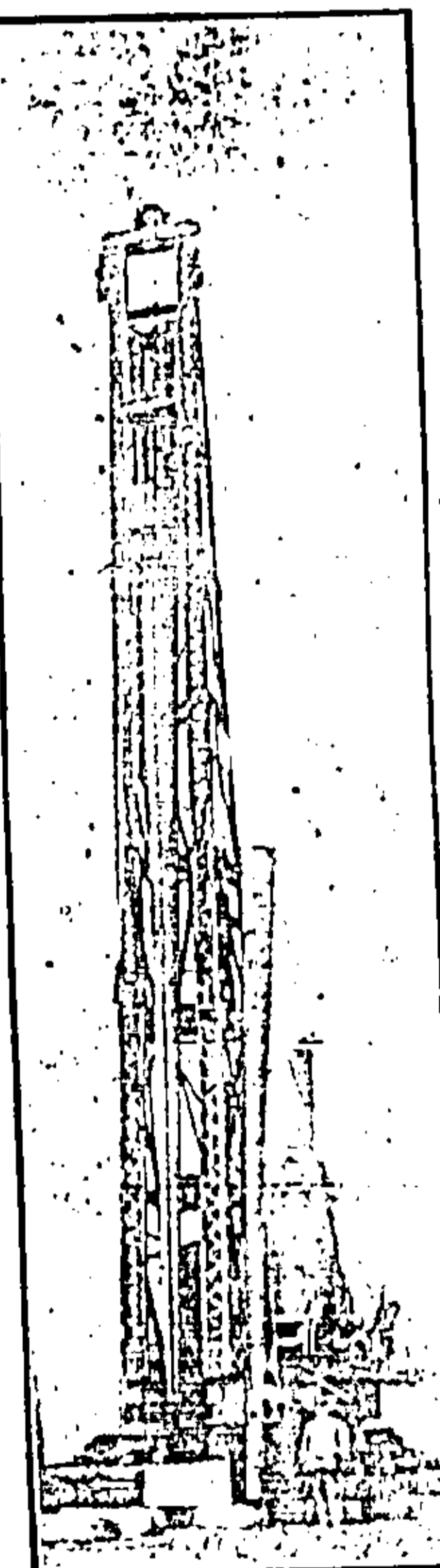
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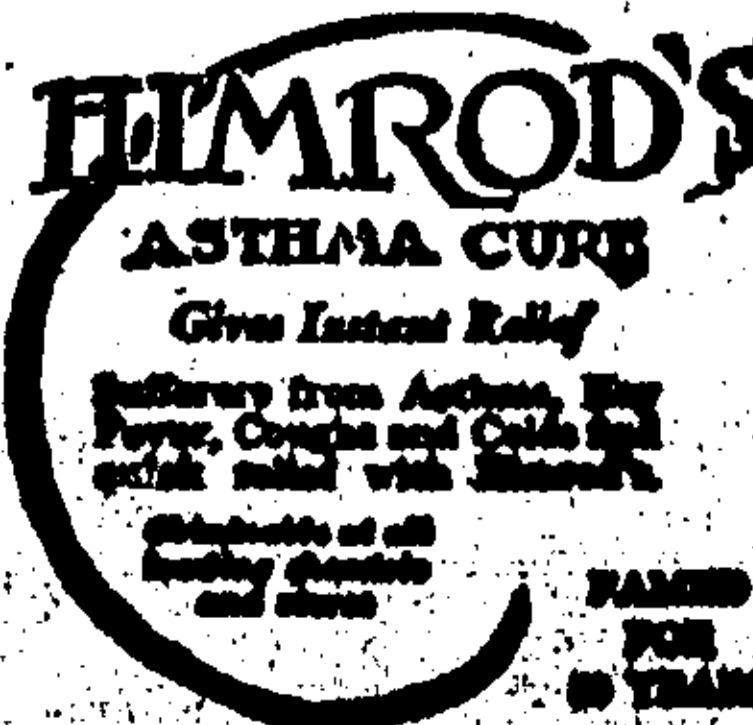
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## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

**THE** First Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday February 28th 1925 commencing at 2.30 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m. The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Tickets to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure. Each member has the right of introducing 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5 each up to Friday February 28th. The Stewards invite the ladies of Hongkong to be present.

## NOTICE.

**ALL** accounts outstanding against the Estate of the late W. A. J. Cooper (deceased) are to be sent in to the undersigned not later than 26th Feb 1925.

H. A. LAMMERT,  
Bank of Canton Building.  
19th. February 1925.

Other Notices appear on page 14

G. H. R.  
NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after SUNDAY, March 1, the Supply of Water in Kowloon will be Turned on in the Public Mains during the following hours only:

Shamshulpo and Fuk Tsun Heang and Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon City and Ma Tau Wei, Yau-mat and Mongkok District, (West of Coronation and Nathan Roads and North of Austin Road).

Hung Hom and Kowloon City Road.  
7 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
From the East side of Coronation Road and including Ho Mun Tin.

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7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

HAROLD T. CREASY,  
Water Authority.  
Public Works Department,  
Hongkong, February 24, 1925.

## NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-Sixth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on Saturday, March 14, 1925, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to December 31, 1924, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from March 3 to March 14, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.  
Agents,  
Hongkong, February 25, 1925.

## G. H. R.

ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE

**AN EXAMINATION** for the "Inspector of Nuisances" Certificate will be held at the Education Office on TUESDAY, 17th March and THURSDAY, 19th March.

Entry Forms may be obtained on application to

The Secretary,  
Board of Examiners,  
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## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WILLIAM C. JACK & CO., LTD.

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William C. Jack & Co., Ltd.  
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General Manager.

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

**THE** Final Dividend declared for the year ending 31st December 1924, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling is payable on and after the 23rd February 1925 at the Offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for warrants.

By order of The Court of Directors  
A. H. BARLOW,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 21st. Feb. 1925.

## THE HONGKONG &amp; KOWLOON WHARF &amp; GODOWN CO., LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**THE** THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, March 3rd, 1925, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1924.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from FRIDAY, February 20th, 1925, to TUESDAY, March 3rd, 1925, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
F. H. CRAPPELL,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 13th, 1925.)

## FOOTBALL

"Sunday Herald"  
INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP.

ENGLAND v. CHINA  
SATURDAY, February 28th.  
(LUB GROUND,  
4.15 p.m. Sharp.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE.

## PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

I, Tsui Yan Shan, Managing Director of the Ying Wah Lighter & Transportation Co., Ltd., hereby give notice that in the consequence of the present name being unsuitable, I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the Cargo Lighter "Ying Tung" of gross tonnage 277.38 tons, register tonnage 240.30 tons, heretofore owned by me for the permission to change her name to "Tung Cheong" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hongkong as owned by the Ying Wah Lighter & Transportation Co., Ltd. Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement. Dated at Hongkong this 23rd day of February 1925.

(Signed) TSUI YAN SHAN,  
Managing Director.  
The Ying Wah Lighter & Transportation Co., Ltd.

## RATIONALIST PRESS ASSOCIATION.

**THE SECOND ANNUAL DINNER** of the Hongkong branch of the Rationalist Press Association will be held in the Hongkong Hotel March 14th at 8 p.m.

Members and non-members wishing to be present please communicate with the Acting Local Hon. Secretary.

P. T. LAMBLE,  
Sanitary Board Offices.  
Hongkong, 25th Feb. 1925.

## ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY.

## ANNUAL DINNER.

**THE** annual dinner of the Society will be held on SATURDAY, February 28th at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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A Quantity of Plants in Pots Catalogues will be issued On View from Saturday (after 2 o'clock p.m.) the 28th Feb. 1925. Terms—Cash on Delivery.  
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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Hongkong 26th February 1925.

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Chairs, &c., &c.

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Tables, Washstands, Ice Chests,

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ers, Dinner Wagons, &c., &c.,

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E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 24, 1925.

G. H. R.

## NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of

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No. 21, Kowloon Godown)

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Godown No. 17, Kowloon Godown)

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RECENT AVIATION  
DISASTER.

## ENQUIRY OPENED.

The Chinese New Year Day aviation disaster at Kowloon City when Mr. Reginald Earnshaw was drowned after making a parachute descent, had its sequel at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon when Mr. E. W. Hamilton held an enquiry into the circumstances attending the death of the unfortunate aviator. The following composed the jury: Messrs. H. W. Page, (foreman), Mr. B. E. Fielder and Mr. Carlos d'Almeida.

At the outset Mr. Hamilton informed the jury that the doctor who made a post mortem examination on the body was indisposed and that Mr. H. W. Abbott was still in Manila and was not available. Before leaving the latter had informed the police, and he (the Coroner) had received a cable from him to the effect that he had left Manila and was already on his way to Hongkong.

Evidence of the recovery of the body on the February 6, was given by Inspector Bond who stated that he was on patrol in the Kowloon Bay when he saw something floating off the Northwest end of the reclamation at Kowloon City. It was 400 yards from the wall and about half that distance from the Glass Factory. Witness ordered the launch towards the spot and he then noticed that it was the body of Mr. Earnshaw. Only the head and shoulders were visible, the body being in a perpendicular position. By the means of a boat hook witness dragged the corpse to the surface of the water, thus affording him a clear view of it. There was a strap fastened to the back of the belt which was tied round the upper portion of the body outside a jersey. The other end, after going underneath his legs was fastened to the front of the belt. A piece of rope which was probably one of the stays of the parachute was secured to his right ankle by a half hitch. On discovering that he could not clear the body of the straps and ropes, witness kept it afloat in the motor boat and towed it along. The sudden jerk of the boat dashing forward dragged all the harness from the body, which was later taken out of the water and sent to the mortuary. Witness produced a pair of boots which he said had been taken from the deceased.

## Fatal Equipment.

His Worship: There was a theory, I believe, that he dropped his boots.

Inspector Angus replied that that was what he was informed.

His Worship: It is very curious why, if he deliberately jumped into the water, he wore such heavy boots.

Expressing his opinion of the tragedy, Inspector Bond said the parachute most probably dragged him down, while the rope became fastened to his ankle due to his kicking. The harness was not recovered, although the sea had been dragged for two

days. Witness did not think that the parachute could have been unfastened very easily.

His Worship said that he hoped to obtain identical equipment on the return of Mr. Abbott and the jury would then be able to understand it better.

Mrs. F. F. Ingram, who resides at Ngau Sze Wan Villas, Kowloon City, deposed to having witnessed the fatal drop from her house, which is very near to the place of the tragedy. She and her sister had been watching the various exhibitions from the house and had expected to witness the parachute descent as they had seen it advertised. It was not till they were called by her son that they were aware of the drop, and on going to the upper balcony they saw the parachute was well opened and the man was descending very slowly. He was then about 200 yards away. He was observed to be dropping into the water and they began to get concerned about him.

On nearing the water he was seen to be travelling slightly faster, almost direct into the sea, with a slight drift seawards. He was making strenuous movements with his legs and appeared to be endeavouring to take off his boots. He was kicking out violently and witness saw something drop. It may have been his cap but she could not see what it was. He eventually dropped into the sea and there was a big splash, followed by the man's sudden disappearance. The parachute immediately collapsed on the right hand side of the body. It fell clear of the man and remained afloat for a very short period. The late Mr. Earnshaw was distinctly seen to reappear, only to disappear again, before he disappeared witness wanted to see if anything happened and it was then that her sister asked how he was going to be brought to land. They looked for a boat and on looking towards Kowloon City a small motor boat was observed to be near. Witness pointed to it and then heard shouting, but owing to the noise made by the children she could not say whether it was from the deceased or not. But she had had the impression that it was he who was shouting.

She again took her attention back to the parachute and saw a small speck on the water. After having another look at the boat she saw that the speck had disappeared. It was not till about 6 o'clock that same evening that she was aware of the tragedy.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Ingram's testimony the Coroner thanked her for her evidence and congratulated her on the efficient way in which she gave it.

The next witness called was Mr. W. G. Bunter and owing to his not being able to be sworn, his testimony was not taken. He told the court that he was a Mohammedan but was not conversant with the Hindustani language. Mr. Hamilton said that he did not see how he could be sworn in he could not speak his own language.

## Brother's Testimony.

Mr. Claude Earnshaw was then called. He said that he himself

had had no connections with the Abbott School of Aviation. He knew of the exhibition and was present at the time. He was aware that his brother intended making the parachute descent. He discussed the matter with him and was told that there was no necessity for worry and not to "get the wind up" as he had descended once before at Manila. On that occasion he landed on a baseball ground. Witness had asked him where he thought he would descend and the deceased replied that he would drop on the land. He had mentioned that he would not perform if the weather was bad. Witness had mentioned that he might possibly land in the sea and his brother said that it had already been made public and he had to do it, although he had changed his mind since he had promised to make the descent. He said that there would be a motor boat ready should he drop into the sea and witness made no arrangements himself, thinking that the school had everything in their hands. Deceased was told to take off his boots before descending but he replied that there were a number of boulders on the land round where he intended jumping and he would rather have them on.

Prior to the jump witness had asked what chances there were of the deceased landing on terra firma and was told that the chances were 100-1, if the weather were good. When he actually jumped the plane was over the sea and flying away from the land. His Worship: He had no possible chances of landing on the land. Witness: I understand that one can guide the parachute. Continuing witness said that as soon as his brother jumped he thought that something would happen and ran towards the spot along the reclamation. Witness took about four or five minutes to reach the sea wall and by that time there were no signs of his brother. The boat was circling around the place where he was believed to have sunk.

His Worship: Were you aware that nobody responsible would be in charge of the boat? Witness replied that he did not know, but only understood that there would be a motor boat present. If he had known that there would only be Chinese coxswain in the boat he would have commanded the boat himself.

Speaking of his brother's connection with the school and his experience in aeronautics, witness said that he knew that his brother had a share in the school. It was principally his and Mr. Abbott's idea that the school came into existence. The other two gentlemen were only financial brokers. Deceased had been in aeroplanes during the war but was not made a pilot as he could not ascend to a very high altitude. But for his drop in Manila he had never descended in a parachute before.

## Became Confused.

Asked if he noticed the motor boat when his brother first went up witness replied that he could not see the boat as the sea wall ob-

structed his vision to a certain distance. He had assumed it would be in readiness. Witness did not attribute his brother's death to the fact that the boat got stuck on the rocks, as this did not occur till some minutes after the disappearance of his brother. The harness of the parachute would easily be unfastened but witness was of the opinion that on seeing he was dropping into the water deceased had tried to guide the parachute. He dropped into the water with such a rush that he became confused and neglected to unfasten the belt which would free him from the parachute.

Mr. J. Dorezal, who was sitting on a rock about 300 yards from where the late Mr. Earnshaw dropped, said that he saw the drop from the aeroplane which was at the time going towards the land. The descent was slow at first but gained speed when it was about 50 yards from the sea. Before striking the water he heard the man shout "Oh! Oh!" and he then dropped something. On striking the water he disappeared for a period of about 20 seconds and on his reappearance he uttered three cries of "help." Witness was not a very powerful swimmer and there was no boat near him that he could attempt to rescue the unfortunate man.

After hearing Mr. Dorezal's evidence His Lordship said that, he proposed to adjourn and at the next hearing Mr. Abbott would be present.

Mr. P. J. Wodehouse, who was present in Court, interposed and said that he had just heard that there had been another fatality in Manila and Mr. Abbott was delayed. He understood that someone had walked into the propeller of Mr. Abbott's machine and was killed.

His Worship to Inspector Angus: When Mr. Abbott comes see that he does not bring any of his aeroplane paraphernalia into Court. He seems a dangerous man! The enquiry was adjourned till next Wednesday.

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### TYPHOID ENQUIRY.

The official attitude towards Dr. Koch's resolution at Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, seeking to secure a thorough investigation into the origin of typhoid in Hongkong, was not altogether sympathetic. Mr. Hallifax, in particular, was inclined to suggest that little more could be done in the matter than had already been accomplished, and he enquired whether the milk, water or food supplies were suspected, or whether it was suggested that the disease was being spread by carriers. He apparently failed to see that those were precisely the points that Dr. Koch (and the public) wanted cleared up. It was not for Dr. Koch to suggest the particular lines on which the investigation should proceed; all that he desires is for the whole question to be looked into, so that the cause of the recent outbreak may be definitely established. Nothing whatever was said by the Officials at Tuesday's meeting to rebut the statement that no investigation, in the proper sense of the word, has yet been made, and there certainly is not a little of evidence to show that the question has been fully investigated.

As we have said before, we can quite appreciate the difficulty, if not the impossibility, of tracing the origin of individual cases, because by the time the disease has been diagnosed, important factors are forgotten by the sufferers themselves. But that is no reason why certain general aspects of the problem should not be thoroughly gone into in an endeavour to hit upon first causes. If a certain common origin is suspected—be it water, milk or food—then let the authorities concentrate on that particular field until they are convinced, by definite proof, that they have found the cause. Such investigations, if rigorously carried out, should confirm or dissipate present suspicions, and, once the cause of the disease is revealed, there will be hope of fighting it and of preventing further outbreaks.

We are not very much concerned with the point as to who should carry out the investigations. All that we want to see

is a serious attempt made to get at the root of the trouble. So long as the men making such an investigation are capable of doing it properly, it is immaterial whether they belong to the Government service or not, though it is to be presumed that we have in our health-service officials who, given the time, could do the work. All we can now hope is that the Government will realise the urgency and importance of this matter, and that it will make such arrangements as are necessary to see that the whole question is probed to the bottom.

### A Growing Menace.

A special news message to this journal yesterday referred to a very grave menace which the advance of marine invention has given rise to, inasmuch as it threatens one of the main sources of food supply as well as an old-established means of livelihood for some thousands of people. This menace is the pollution of coastal waters by ships which either discharge oil carelessly or else deliberately seek a spot where they will not be noticed and there clean out their tanks, with the result that a great deal of oily refuse is sent forth to cling to seacoasts and interfere seriously with the fishing industry of the neighbourhood. It has been proved now that shoals of fish are deserting waters which are consistently oil-ridden, and with the increased use of oil-fuel in ships the problem of prevention of this pollution has become exceedingly serious. A great deal can be done, however, by international co-operative action, and it is pleasing to find that the British Government is alive to the needs of the case and is seeking the combined aid of other nations in the matter. Besides the harm done to fisheries, there is the cruel waste of life which oil on the waters is causing among seabirds. Observers have movingly described the terrible plight and agonising death of diving birds which, after they have come in contact with the oily film on the water, are unable to free themselves of it, are practically rendered helpless, and perish slowly from starvation, in veritable hundreds. It would be gratifying were the initiative, in the preservation of this feathered world life from the carelessness of mankind, to come from Britain, which has not been behind any country in its consideration for dumb creatures.

### For the S.P.C.A.

While on this topic of protecting animal life, we might mention a subject which a reader has drawn our attention to, and which, if the facts be anything like they are stated to be, deserves immediate remedying. Our informant, who states that he has been an eyewitness of the matters in question, declares that there is often great cruelty caused the cattle which are imported into Hongkong on smaller vessels, not only on the voyage—over which this Colony can have no control, we presume—but also in the unloading process in this port, which is a subject within local jurisdiction. He avers that improper supervision, or else ignorance of humane methods, is repeatedly the cause of needless suffering, and suggests that the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals are unaware of the abuses, which take place usually off-shore. Apparently it is quite the thing to hoist cattle by their horns, and dump them with a certain amount of force amongst their kind in waiting lighters. In many cases, it would seem, the animals are in a shocking condition owing to injuries received during the voyage. We can only hope that we have been mistaken, though there appears to be no reason to doubt that humane methods of unloading cattle are not always adhered to. In case there is a need for remedial action, we pass on this complaint to the quarters where efficient preventive measures can best be devised.

### CRICKET.

The following will represent the Volunteers against Kowloon on Saturday, 28th February at 2.15 p.m. sharp:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), A. C. I. Bowker, G. R. More, E. F. Stewart, H. E. Holland, J. A. H. Plummer, L. D. McNicol, G. R. Vallack, W. B. Edmunds, M. M. Watson and H. M. Howell.

### DAY BY DAY.

IT IS ONLY THE FEAR OF GOD THAT CAN DELIVER US FROM THE FEAR OF MAN.—*Witherspoon.*

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

Major General C. C. Luard was this afternoon sworn in as a member of the Legislative Council.

The second and third prizes in the Telegraph Motor Car Competition are now on show at Messrs. S. Moutrie and Company's store.

In a collision between a motor car and a hand-driven truck at Queen's Road East yesterday, a coolie was injured and was taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

The annual Procession of the Cross will be held in Macao on Sunday next, the 1st prox. On account of this, the steamer Sul An will leave Macao at 6 p.m. instead of 4 p.m. as usual.

In connection with a recent fatal fight at the Tung Hing Lauing foundry on the new reclamation works at Samshui, Yuen Kam, one of the workers, was this morning remanded on a charge of manslaughter of a fellow-worker.

A Sanitary Department employee who injured two other employees when a motor van he was driving ran into a pillar on the Kowloon City Road, was this morning fined \$25 for negligent driving and ordered to pay \$10 compensation. He was also cautioned on a charge of having no driver's licence.

Two armed robbers who went on a junk at Shauiwan at midnight got away with \$90 in Chinese coins and a silver ornament belonging to the master's wife, after stabbing the master, who had endeavoured to give the alarm. The injured man was removed to the Government Civil Hospital by the police.

As stated in our report of the enquiry into the death of the late Mr. Reginald Earnshaw, Mr. H. W. Abbott has been delayed in Manila, owing to his being concerned in another fatality. The resumed enquiry which was fixed for next Wednesday was later adjourned sine die, as the jury desire that Mr. Abbott should be the first witness to give evidence at the next sitting.

Quite a big crowd gathered before the A.P.C. building this morning when a squad of firemen were observed manipulating a hose opposite the premises. Evidently there was an idea that an outbreak of fire had occurred. However, it was merely a hydrant being tested. A new hydrant has recently been installed in the building, and the Fire Brigade were giving it a thorough pressure test.

Three cases of persons being bitten by dogs were reported to the police yesterday. In the first case, Mr. Tuenblow, Supervisor of the Botanical and Forestry Department at Ngau Shauwan, was attacked. In the second instance, a Japanese, Mr. Takeuchi, was bitten by a dog belonging to Mrs. Tsutsumi, of No. 15 Conduit Road; whilst in the third case, a coolie was taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment of a bite inflicted by a dog belonging to Mr. J. F. Azevedo, of No. 11 Mosque Junction.

### HOCKEY.

#### THE SIM SHIELD.

The following have been selected to represent the Club against the Army in the last match of the series:—E. W. Hamilton, A. A. Dand, C. L. R. Bocher, A. S. Hott, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt), E. L. Sim, G. R. More, T. J. Price, W. Woodward, B. D. Evans and G. R. Vallack. Whichever side wins will secure the Shield for 1925. In the event of a draw there will be a tie between the Navy Army and Club. The shield will be presented to the winners after the match by Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.

### DEATH OF FIRST V.O.'S WIDOW.

The death has occurred at Tunbridge Wells of Mrs. Lucas, widow of Admiral C. D. Lucas, the winner of the first Victoria Cross. She was a grand-daughter of Admiral Viscount Torrington.

## "THEOSOPHY AND CHRISTIANITY."

### LAST NIGHT'S LECTURE.

At the last night's meeting of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society, Mr. John Russell lectured on "Theosophy and Christianity." He said in part:—

Theosophy, which is the Divine Wisdom on which all the religions of the world without exception are founded, has not, and cannot have, any quarrel with any, and considering that every religion is the people's natural way for the search of God, we do not ask anyone to leave his religion for another. In coming into the Theosophical Society, a man does not leave his own religion, does not quit his own Church or religious community, is not asked to change his faith, is not asked to renounce his creed. Within the limits of the Theosophical Society we have people of every religion which is known to the world, all meeting on the platform of brotherhood, of the Divine in man. That which we seek after is Truth, and we do not believe that Truth is confined to any religion, or to any special sect. We try to throw a light on its difficulties and to restore to any religion its original teachings which in the course of time it has lost. A very large number of the more intellectual and learned Christians have left the Churches which always complain of their lessening influence, and we cannot help thinking that there is something lacking not in religion itself but in its presentment. May it not be that in the way Christianity is put to-day, with growing intolerance and conscience of the time, there are things which shock the conscience and outrage the intellect? No religion can afford to leave the thoughtful and the cultured, the philosopher and the metaphysician, with nothing to be said to them. The form of belief that suits the least cultivated must inevitably repel the thoughtful, the artistic, the cultured and the intellectual.

### SOME QUERIES.

In the early days, Christianity had not only its little children, but also its great philosophers, its mighty doctors of Science of the Spirit, its deep conception for the highly cultivated, its profound mysteries for the spiritual man. It was St. Paul himself who said:—"I speak wisdom unto those that are perfect." Why should modern Christianity deny to those who can understand it the great mysteries of Christianity? What has become of that great teaching Christ gave to his own disciples, the teaching which was not given to the outside public who came to listen to Him? He said:—"To them I speak in parables, but to you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God." What has become of those inner teachings which Jesus had given within the house to His apostles and not to the masses outside, which made a knowledge of God possible to the human soul? Remember how Origen declared that while the Church had medicine for the sinner, it was not on sinners that the Church of Christ could be built up. He declared that that what the Church needed in order that it might be strong, were what he called the Gnostics. But where are the Christian Gnostics now? The Gnostic was the man who knew, meanwhile the mass of the Christian congregation were believers, and it was the Gnostics who were their teachers and leaders.

### A CHANGE.

A change is now coming over Christendom. Mystic Christianity is coming back. Up and down through Christendom we find clergy and priests who are drinking at the fountain of the ancient knowledge, with the spreading of Theosophy within the Church itself. The crude literalism that killeth is dying, everywhere spiritual interpretations are daringly being offered instead. Take the great doctrine of the Atonement. It was not possible in the days of Christ—that Revealers of God, so full of tenderest compassion, of all-embracing love—to regard God the Father whose love He revealed, as a wrathful Judge and condemner of the whole human race. It was not possible to those more spiritual Christians to regard the sacrifice of the Divine Son as a sacrifice offered to propitiate the wrath of an angry Father, but, gradually, instead of a loving Father revealed by the Christ, there grew up the terrible figure of an angry God, and the Church

idea of "The Wrath of God to Man". That is the title of the famous work of Anselm the Archbishop. This idea became the doctrine of Atonement in the Christianity, till within the bosom of the Church itself rose revolt against that doctrine, the note being struck by the Broad Church Party in England.

What view would Theosophy put forward as the sure view of Atonement? It would say the Christ symbolizes a certain stage of the unfoldment of the Divine Spirit in Man, a stage at which unity is practically realized—when the Spirit in all forms knows itself as one. It would say of Him whom you call the Christ, having reached the stage of utter unity with God and man alike, that it became possible for Him to share with man's weaknesses, by virtue of a perfect identity of nature. We are separate the one from the other, yes, but Christ has grown above all barriers through the realization of His Oneness with the Spirit in all forms, and He looks down alike on all forms, being able to pour His Spirit into them all, His purity, His love—He can help them to be what He is, by virtue of that unobstructed communication. But He not only shares His purity with them, but also shares their sin. That is the greatness of the truly spiritual man who has reached the stage of the Christ that he cannot be separated from the lowest, vilest, as there is perfect unity of the spirit in both. He makes oneness, atonement by lifting manhood into divinity, making pure all who realize the oneness. Thus Atonement means identity of nature and not substitution. We all shall one day attain to the Christ stage, the guarantee for which lies in the command of the Christ himself:—"Be you therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect."

Take another doctrine—that of Prayer, which in its highest form is the opening up of the whole nature to higher things. It is the putting yourself in a receptive attitude, to open up the avenues between man and God, or, to speak more accurately, the avenues between the God within you and the God without. As you contemplate Divine purity, Divine Wisdom, Divine love, those qualities reproduce themselves in your nature, and awaken the divinity within you, sleeping in the innermost of your being.

### HEAVEN AND HELL.

Theosophy has also something to say about the Doctrine of Reincarnation being a part of the Christian heritage. It is not a doctrine to be taken from Hindu or Buddhist, not a doctrine to be borrowed from Greek, Roman or Egyptian, but a doctrine to be found in the teachings of the early Church, as a part of the faith once delivered to the Saints. True, it fell out of the great part of the Church; and with it came all the teachings against which the modern conscience revolts. Through Reincarnation, hell and heaven become exactly what they used to be—temporary conditions, and so they become rational instead of irrational. By bringing back to Christendom its doctrine of reincarnation, we destroy the everlasting heaven and hell, and give back to human life that strength and that dignity which come out of the knowledge of an eternal state.

What we call the law of Karma, the law of cause and effect, is put very well by St. Paul in the Epistle to the Galatians:—"Be not deceived, God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." If a man wants happiness, he must sow happiness, if he wants to reap purity he must sow noble thoughts. We Theosophists only desire to deepen and re-establish knowledge, to give you back your own, to widen thought, to make spirituality more real, so that obstacles to the spreading of the spirit of the Christ may disappear, and in many religions, worship the spirit of Truth and Love, may be seen as brothers and not heathen, who are in truth the children of God and share in the worship of the Cosmic Christ.

### FISH BY THE MILLION.

An extraordinary incident occurred in Walfish Bay, near Capetown, recently. The sea became disturbed by a volcanic eruption and millions of fish were thrown upon the beach. At one place the fish were 2ft. deep for a distance of two miles. The stench was a menace to the public health. Convict gangs and railwaymen were hard at work for days in burying the fish.

## ROPE COMPANY.

## SHAREHOLDERS' QUESTIONS.

## Houses to be Built.

Questions as to the intention of the Company in regard to their land investments were asked at to-day's shareholders' meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited. Mr. R. G. Shewan was in the chair, and there were also present the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. H. P. White, and Mr. Allan Cameron (consulting committee), Mr. R. F. Mattingly (secretary), and Messrs. A. A. Alves, Fung Tat-hang, L. E. Guterres, H. A. Lamart, B. C. Randall, P. M. N. da Silva, Tsang Foo, C. A. da Roza, F. X. B. Ribeiro, W. J. Carroll, I. Shewan, A. H. M. da Silva, W. T. Shewan, H. H. Taylor, W. J. Hawker, M. A. Figueiredo, Tong Hok-ling, A. A. Botelho, Felix M. Ellis, V. A. Yvanovitch, C. E. Strafford, D. W. Munton, Kelly Sayce and Choa Pomin (shareholders).

## CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The notice convening the meeting having been read by the Secretary:

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, —The report and accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1924, have been in your hands for some time, so, with your permission, we will dispense with reading them. So far as business in cordage is concerned, the year has not been a good one. Competition has been very keen and of a kind very difficult to deal with, as our competitors have a market in the United States, which is practically closed to us, and can dump their surplus here at prices which leave us little more than the bare cost of making. It is a question of Free Trade against Protection, and we can only hope that Free Trade principles will triumph in the end. The hemp market, too, has been very erratic, rising continually from 14 cents per lb. in June to 21.50 per lb. in October. This, of course, upset our prices for rope, but we kept out of the market as long as we could and bought very sparingly till the market weakened, so that we did not have to push up our prices to the full extent of the rise in raw material. Under all these circumstances I cannot speak optimistically about our chances for this year, but I think we can hold our own, even against artificially supported competition.

## THE NEW FACTORY.

As you know, it was decided at the wish of shareholders that the factory should be removed to Kowloon, and the old factory site at Kennedy Town should be developed into blocks of Chinese dwelling houses. The terms laid down by the Government for the acquisition of land at Gin Drinkers' Bay being in our opinion too onerous, the idea of a factory there was given up and a more suitable site was procured at Kowloon, the purchase price being \$3.40 per sq. ft. For the factory buildings to be erected on this site we have made contracts, as follows, and the work is proceeding very satisfactorily:—Spinning and rope houses, \$218,000; hemp and rope godowns, store and quarters, \$250,000; office, picker house, watchmen's quarters and boundary walls, etc., \$29,544.72; total, \$497,544.72. We doubt if the factory will be ready to receive the plant and machinery from Kennedy Town much before the end of the year, but it may be a little sooner. We shall be able to utilise almost all our present plant, scrapping very little, but we shall increase its efficiency and bring it up-to-date by the addition of some new plant which our Superintendent, Mr. Gardner, personally selected and ordered when he was at Home last year. This machinery will cost about \$90,000 laid down here.

After careful enquiring we have come to the conclusion that the market for trawl twine is too small out here to warrant our going to the expense of plant which we find would cost at the lowest estimate some \$115,000.

## LAND SALES.

Work has gone on uninterrupted at the factory, although we have just completed the building of a further 12 houses there in addition to the 16 we first put up. We are now negotiating for the letting of these 12 houses and have every prospect of obtaining a fair return in rent. But we can do no more in the way of building there until the factory is removed, as there is no more vacant land available. During the year we sold a small piece of land to the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., for a sub-station on which we made a profit on the book value, as you will see from the accounts, of \$16,810.07, which

## JAPAN'S NAVY.

## AN IMPOSING ARRAY.

London, Feb. 25. In the House of Commons, replying to Comdr. Bellairs, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman said that 193 ships were engaged in the manoeuvres by the Japanese navy last October, composed of six battleships, three battle-cruisers and miscellaneous other vessels, 97 destroyers, 35 submarines and 15 auxiliaries. —*Router.*

I think will satisfy you that at \$6.50 a foot we have by no means over-valued this property. By the end of the year we had disposed of nearly all our investments at a profit of \$214,009.39, which has of course swelled the Profit and Loss Account, but is not available for dividend, as the proceeds have been used in part payment of the new site at Kowloon.

The balance sheet is, I think, quite clear, but I may say that the remaining investments standing at \$16,084.76 have now been realised at a good profit, and the loan at call was repaid early in January.

## A BONUS.

Since issuing our report, we have been approached by the representatives of a large number of shareholders who felt that in view of the large profit made on the sale of securities, some further consideration was due to shareholders and they thought we might declare a bonus. As we find that this is the general wish of shareholders, we feel that we must give way to this feeling, and therefore in addition to the proposed dividend, we also recommend a bonus on 60,000 old shares of 25 cents per share, \$15,000; 90,000 bonus shares of 23 cents per share, \$20,700; 49,874 new shares of 4 cents per share, \$1,994.96; total, \$37,694.96.

I have been asked why we carry forward such a large amount, and the answer is that we could not deal with it in cash, and the only alternative was to put it to Reserve Fund or write it off the assets, but we thought shareholders would prefer to have it carry forward in Profit and Loss Account where it would be more readily available for future purposes.

I think I have now touched all the points upon which you may require information, and I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed and that the balance of \$321,548.96 be distributed, as follows:—Pay a final dividend of:—60 cents per share on 60,000 old shares, \$36,000; 59 cents per share on 90,000 bonus shares, \$53,100; 14 cents per share on 49,874 new shares, \$6,982.36; and a bonus of 25 cents per share on 60,000 old shares, \$15,000; 23 cents per share on 90,000 bonus shares, \$20,700; 4 cents per share on 49,874 new shares, \$1,994.96; and carry forward to the credit of next years account, \$187,771.64; total, \$321,548.96. When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer questions from shareholders.

Mr. Allan Cameron seconded.

## SOME QUESTIONS.

Mr. Lammert:—How many new houses can we put on the old site?

The Chairman:—Over a hundred.

Mr. Lammert:—In addition to the 28 now completed?

The Chairman:—Yes.

Mr. Carroll:—Do you propose to dispose of them or to rent them?

The Chairman:—We shall rent them, but if anyone wishes to buy we shall be quite willing to sell.

Mr. Kelly Sayce:—How much are these 28 houses likely to bring in?

The Chairman:—About \$150 each per month; we cannot say.

Mr. Sayce:—Is it your intention to build on the land or to sell it?

The Chairman:—Land is easier to sell when built on, and we thought we would build on it and then sell the houses to any person who might wish to purchase. Persons who rent the houses very often buy their houses afterwards.

## BUSINESS MATTERS.

No further questions being asked, Mr. R. G. Shewan put the motion to the meeting and it was carried unanimously.

The re-election of the consulting committee was proposed by Mr. H. H. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Fung Tat-hang and carried unanimously.

The auditors were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. Lammert seconded by Mr. Carroll.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Company followed, when the Chairman proposed as an extraordinary resolution a resolution altering the Articles of Association.

Mr. Holyoak seconded and the motion was carried.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## TO-DAY'S MEETING.

His Excellency the Governor presided over to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council.

## FINANCIAL VOTES.

The following votes were referred to the Financial Committee:—

\$1,011 on account of Charitable Services charitable allowance to Mr. John Leo.

\$800 in aid of the vote Medical Department Government Laboratory, apparatus and chemicals.

\$10,270 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, "Bridge 4".

\$12,500 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, reconstructing the roof of the motor repair shed.

\$6,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, telephone cable to the Peak.

\$8,246.26 on account of Medical Department, hospitals and asylums new X-ray plant.

\$291,800 in aid of the vote Public Works, extraordinary, compensation and resumptions.

\$10,000 on account of Public Works, extraordinary, miscellaneous works, Kowloon.

\$8,140 in aid of the vote Public Department, rent of Married Police Quarters.

## SOLICITORS' EXAMINATION.

The Council approved a regulation by the Chief Justice setting forth the subjects for solicitors final examination. This follows the regulations in force in England except that the subject of admiralty law is still retained here though it has been abandoned in the solicitors final examination in England, and the subject of divorce law is abandoned here though it is retained there. Admiralty works is much more general here than in England, and divorce work much less common. Hence the variation from the English regulations.

## NEW BILLS.

The following Bills were read a first time:—

An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance, 1921.

An Ordinance to amend the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1873.

An Ordinance to amend the Advertisements Regulation Ordinance, 1912.

An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Lord Bishop of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong.

## INTER-ALLIED CONTROL.

## A QUESTION OF PUBLICITY.

London, Feb. 25. In the House of Commons, Mr. Trevelyan Thomson asked the reason for the delay in publication of the report of the Inter-Allied Military Control Commission.

Mr. Auston Chamberlain replied that there had been no delay. The Inter-Allied military committee at Versailles had only received the report on Feb. 18th. It was the duty of the committee to consider the report and submit its own comments thereon to the Ambassadors' Conference, which would then report to the Allied Governments. The question of publication must be decided by the Allies in consultation. The Allies' object must be to obtain fulfilment of those provisions of the Treaty of Versailles on which, by the terms of the treaty itself, the reduction in the period of occupation of the Cologne area was made to depend; therefore it would appear that the question of expediency of publication would depend on whether or not publication would facilitate the satisfaction of the Allies' just demands, and consequently the evacuation of the Cologne area.

## ARGENTINE PESOS.

## GOLD DOLLAR BACKING.

New York, Feb. 25.

The National City Bank of New York has purchased ten million dollars gold, part of thirty million dollars to be held by the Federal Reserve Bank here against the issue of additional peso notes to relieve the currency stringency in the Argentine, which it is understood will ship this gold to Buenos Aires as permanent cover for currency if, after five months, additional paper money remains in currency.—*Router's American Service.*

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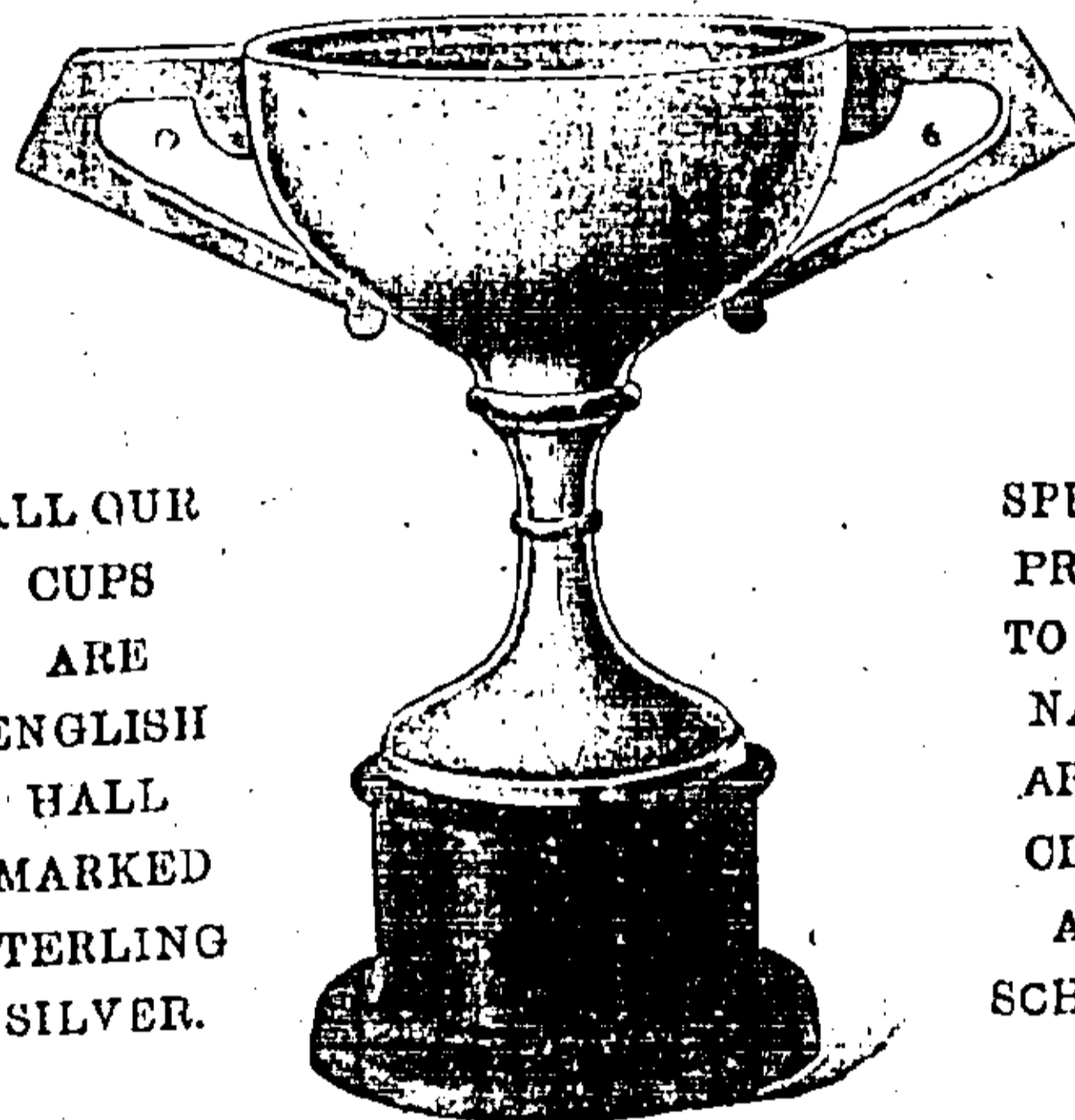
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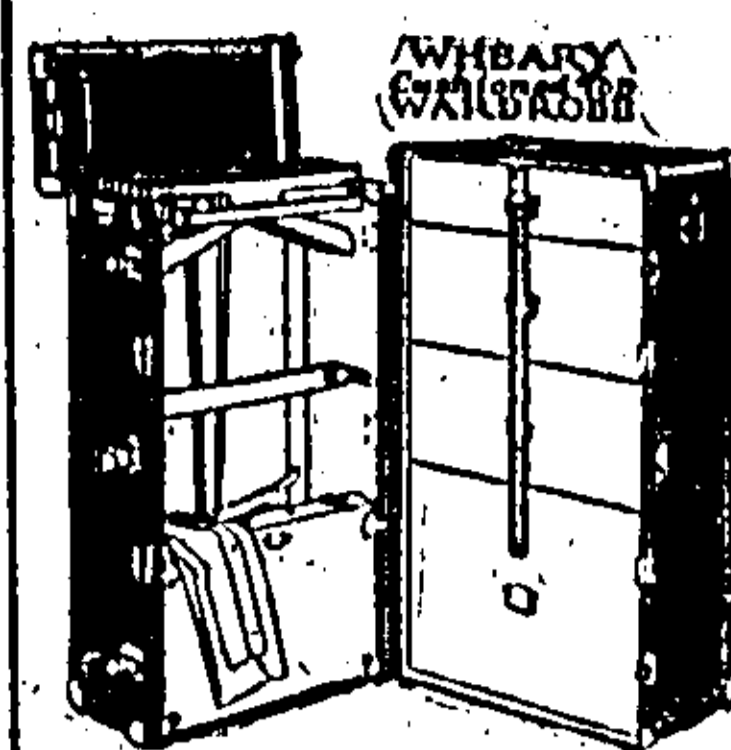
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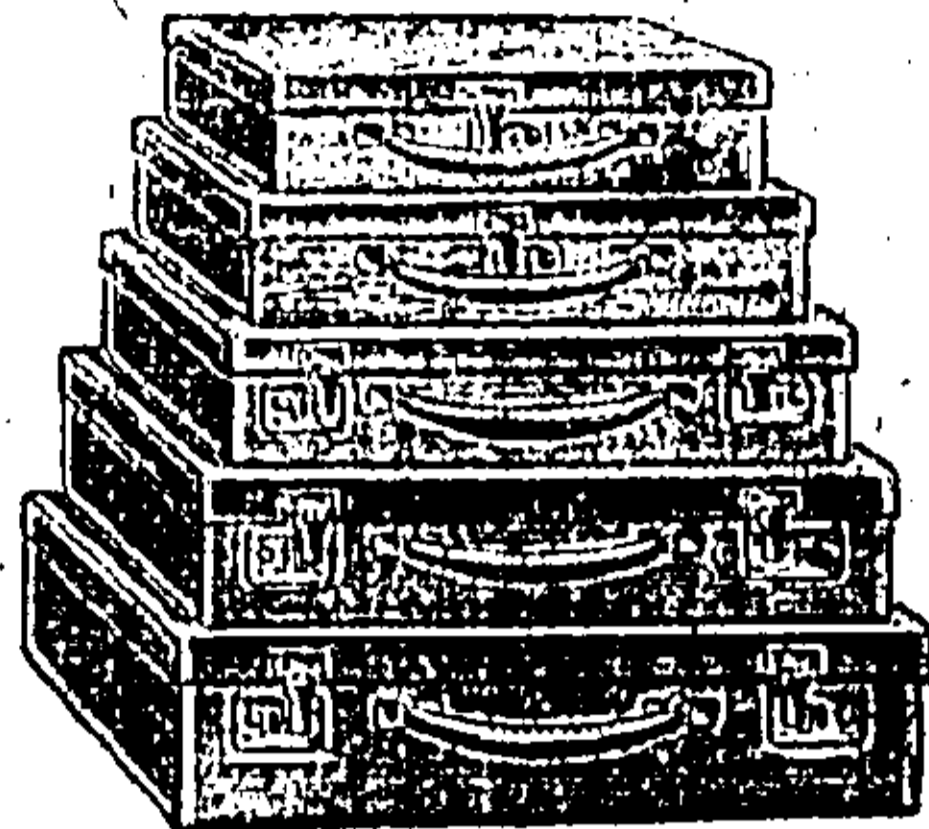
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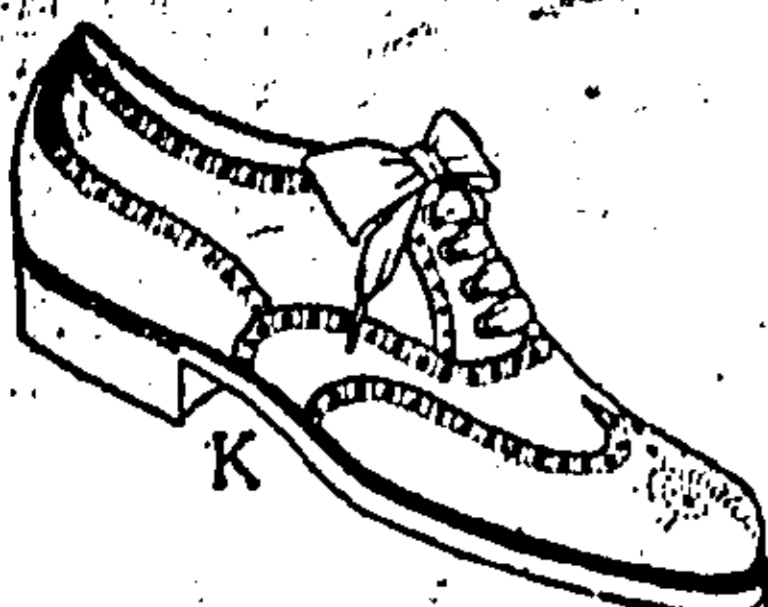
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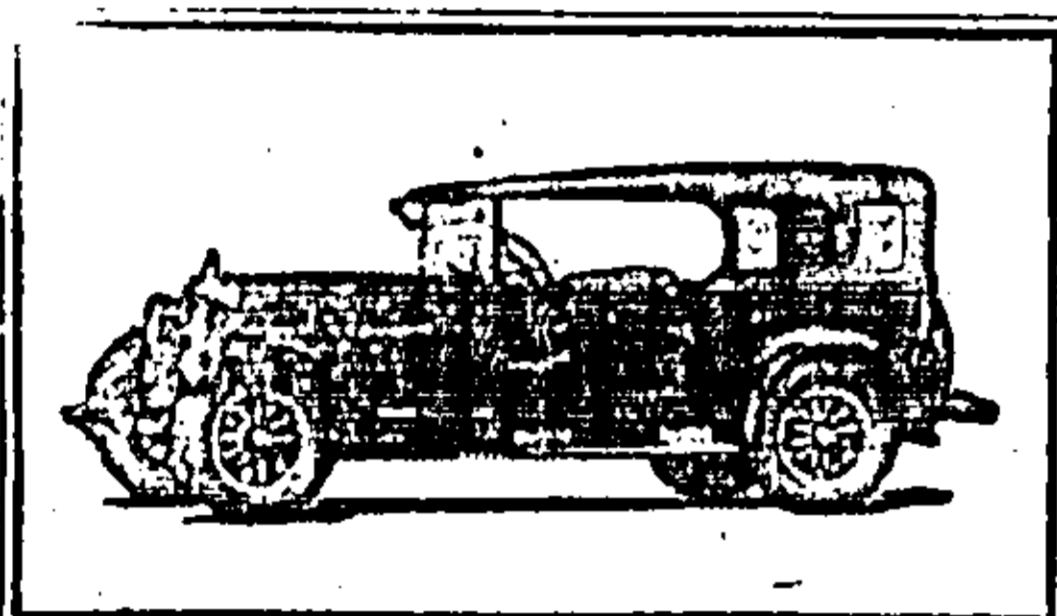
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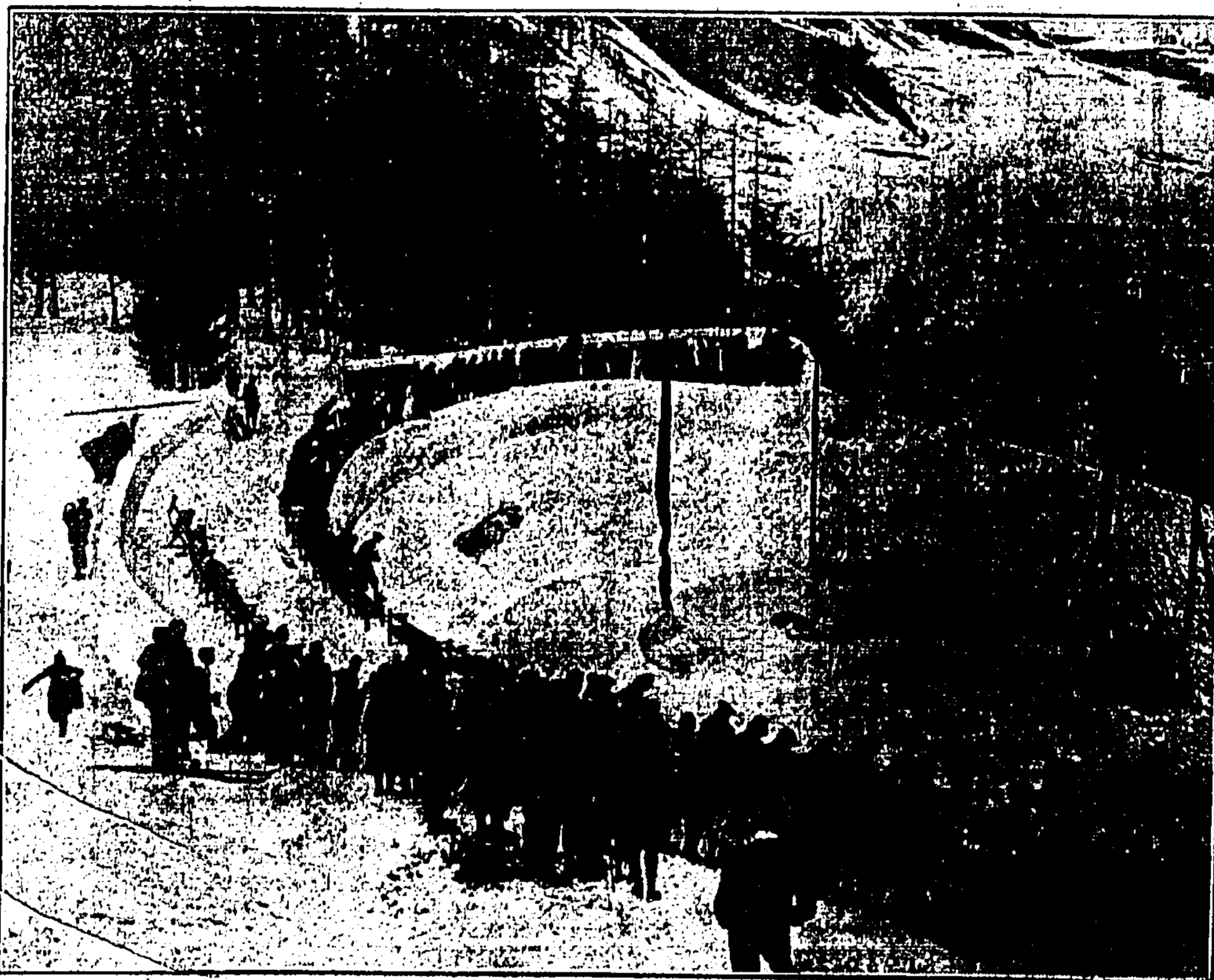
# CAMERA NEWS



WEMBLEY CHANGE.—Among the changes being made now at Wembley in preparation for this year's Exhibition is the refashioning of the gardens. Men taking up turf at the main entrance. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



SUSPECTED WOMAN.—In a hearing in a Paris court, Mrs. Dickson, American woman, was held for further investigation, after she been found outside the Soviet Embassy with a pistol in her hand, which, it is alleged, she intended to use in killing Leon Krassin, new Soviet Minister to France. At the right is M. Garcon, her lawyer.



IN SUNNY SWITZERLAND.—The full length of the bobsleigh run at St. Moritz. Picture gives a view of the run showing a bobsleigh taking Sunny Corner. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



BEACH BEAUTY.—Miss Ioez Norton of New York, who takes time off between dips at Miami Beach, to show the folks at home just what they are missing.



ALPINE SPORTS.—The finish of a run on the Cresta Run at St. Moritz during a club competition. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



WELL SNAPPED.—Here's a good snapshot of a marmot. He is caught in a happy pose.



# CURRENT PICTORIAL NEWS.



Eight brand new trams, all dressed up in pink, lavender, orange and green rosettes, were recently operating for the first time in the ancient city of Peking. Triumphant inauguration ceremonies were conducted when the ribboned trams made their first appearance, while soldiers were on guard to protect the cars from jealous ricksha coolies.



George Hickman, aged 87, has been at the Richmond County Farm, the poorhouse at Augusta, Ga., for 14 years. During that time he has married twice, both times to fellow inmates. Here he is shown with his latest bride, of 74.



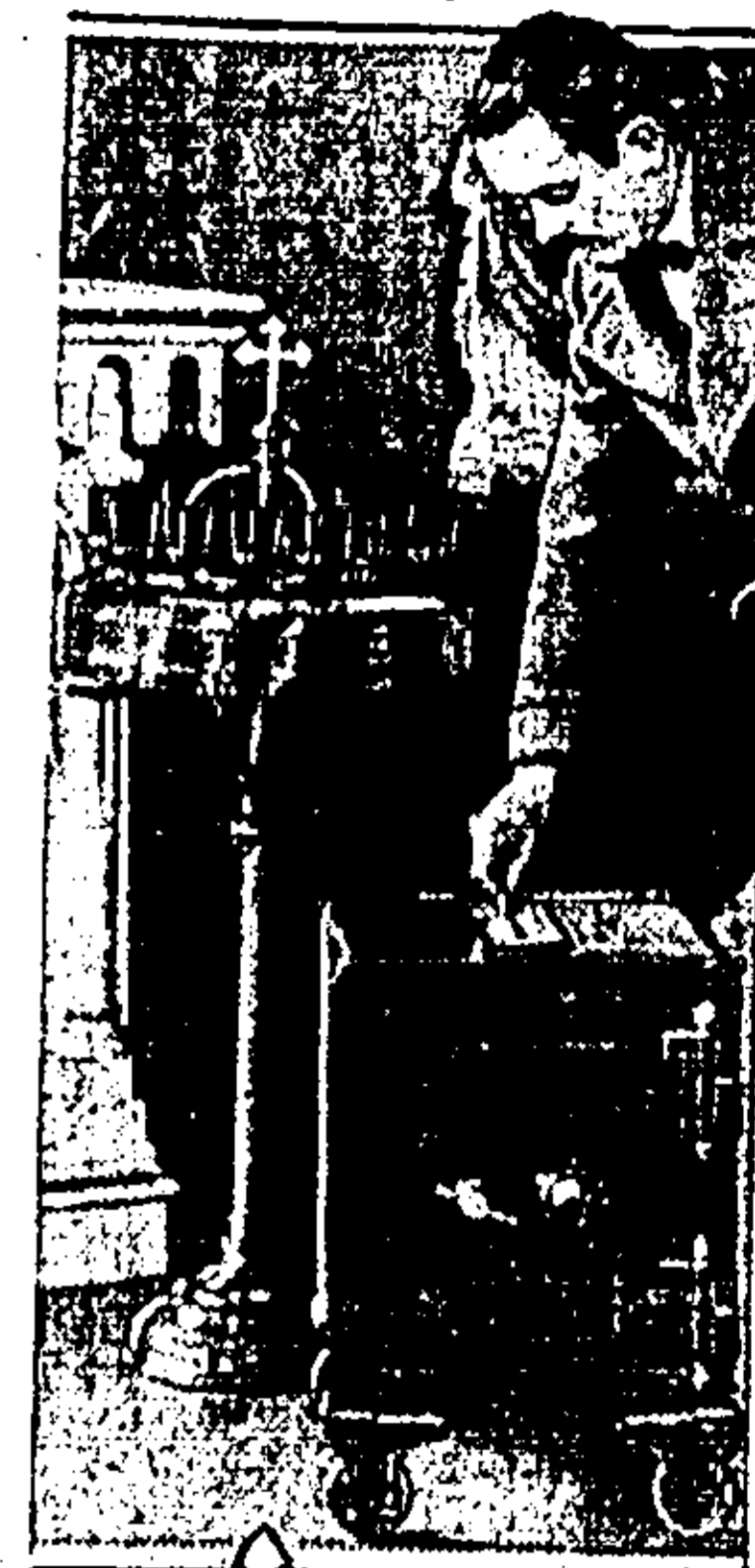
An available apparatus was called out to fight a fire which destroyed one of the largest warehouses in Washington, with a loss of \$500,000 gold. Four persons were injured in fighting the flames.



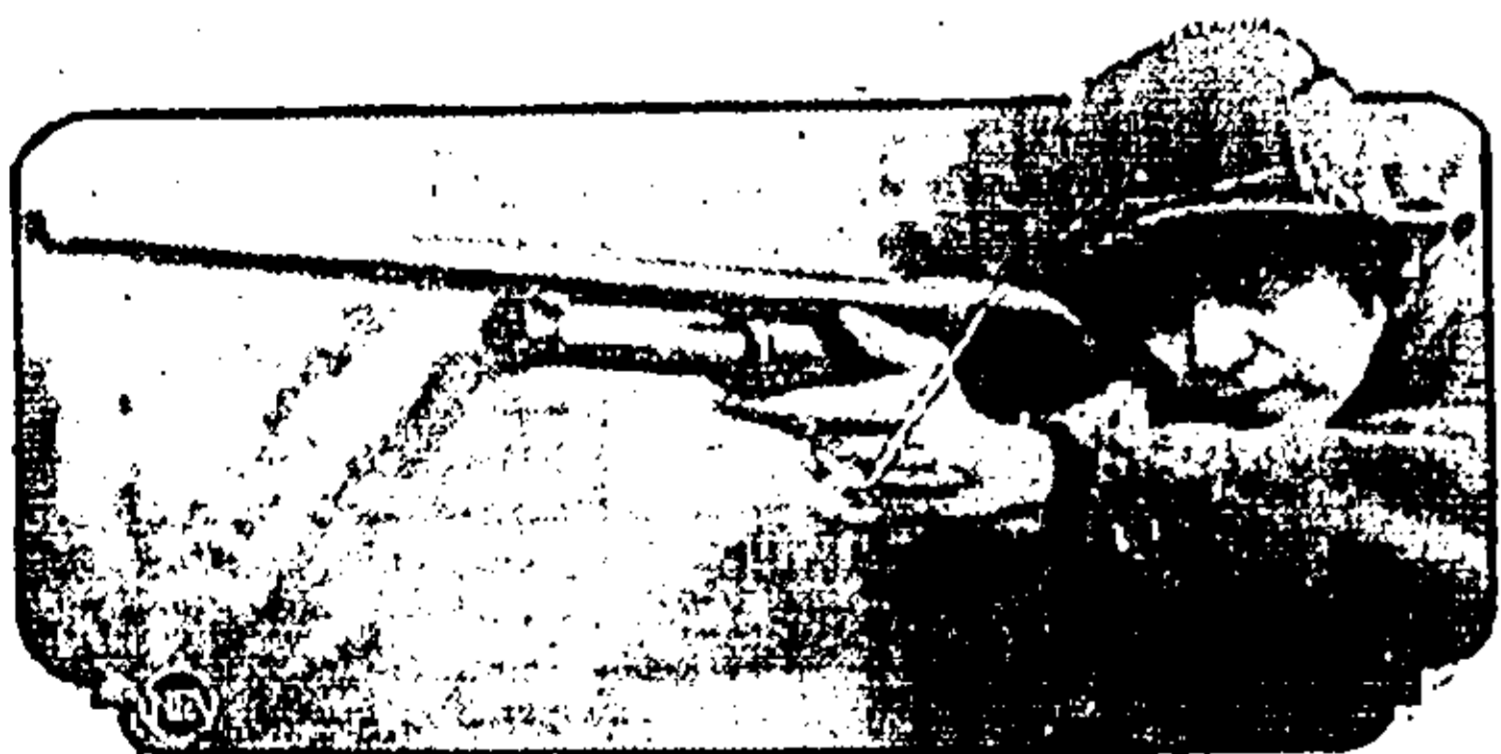
Albert G. Hill, one of England's greatest distance runners, is expected to visit America shortly. He intends to settle down with friends in Ohio. Hill at various times was half-mile, one-mile and four-mile British champion.



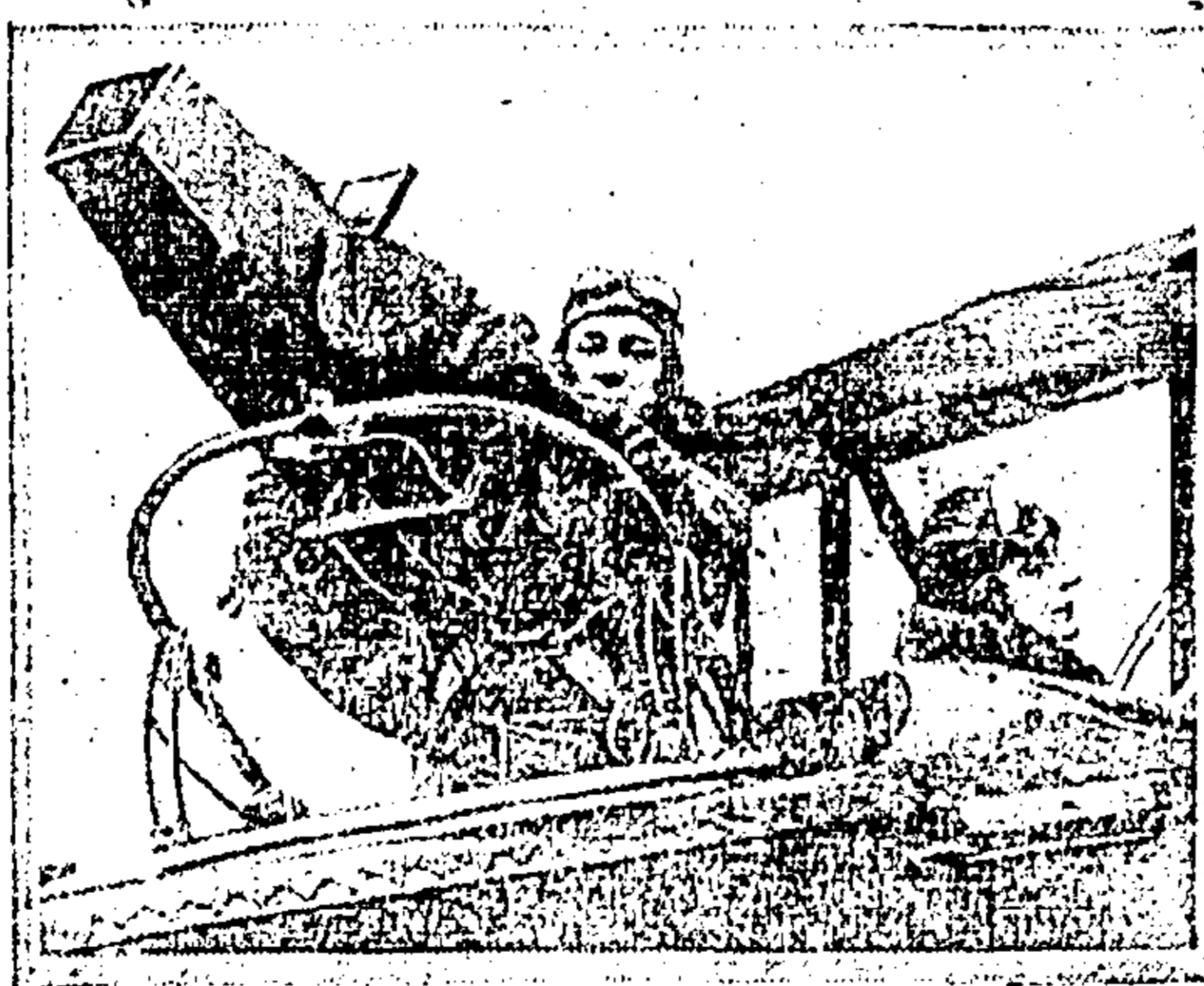
Though they live in Washington, and when they appear in public they dress as the Americans do, in their homes the children of the foreign diplomats in Washington wear the dress of their native land. Here are three bright youngsters as they look at home. Left and centre are Betty and Jul Chong Sze, daughters of the Chinese Minister in Washington, while at the right is Janichi Kimura, son of Mr. Atsushi Kimura, Third Secretary of the Japanese Legation.



Because many of the offertory boxes in Catholic churches of Chicago have been robbed recently, specially invented burglar proof safes are being used.



Mrs. J. C. Wright of Atlanta, Ga., seen above, in a trapshooting contest held in her home town defeated a large field of male competitors.



Uncle Sam sent the most powerful camera in the air service two miles above the earth to "shoot the sun" during the recent solar eclipse. Here is shown the camera attached to a DeHavilland plane. Lieutenant George Goddard and Dr. S. M. Burke, scientist, both of McCook field, Dayton, O., were entrusted to make the "shots."



Despite the repeated assertions of Premier Mussolini that all is quiet in Italy, there would seem to have been some disturbances, as shown graphically in this photo. The picture shows a street fight in Rome between the Black Shirt Fascist and some of the citizens. Sticks and stones were freely used, and many of the combatants went home with bruises and black eyes.

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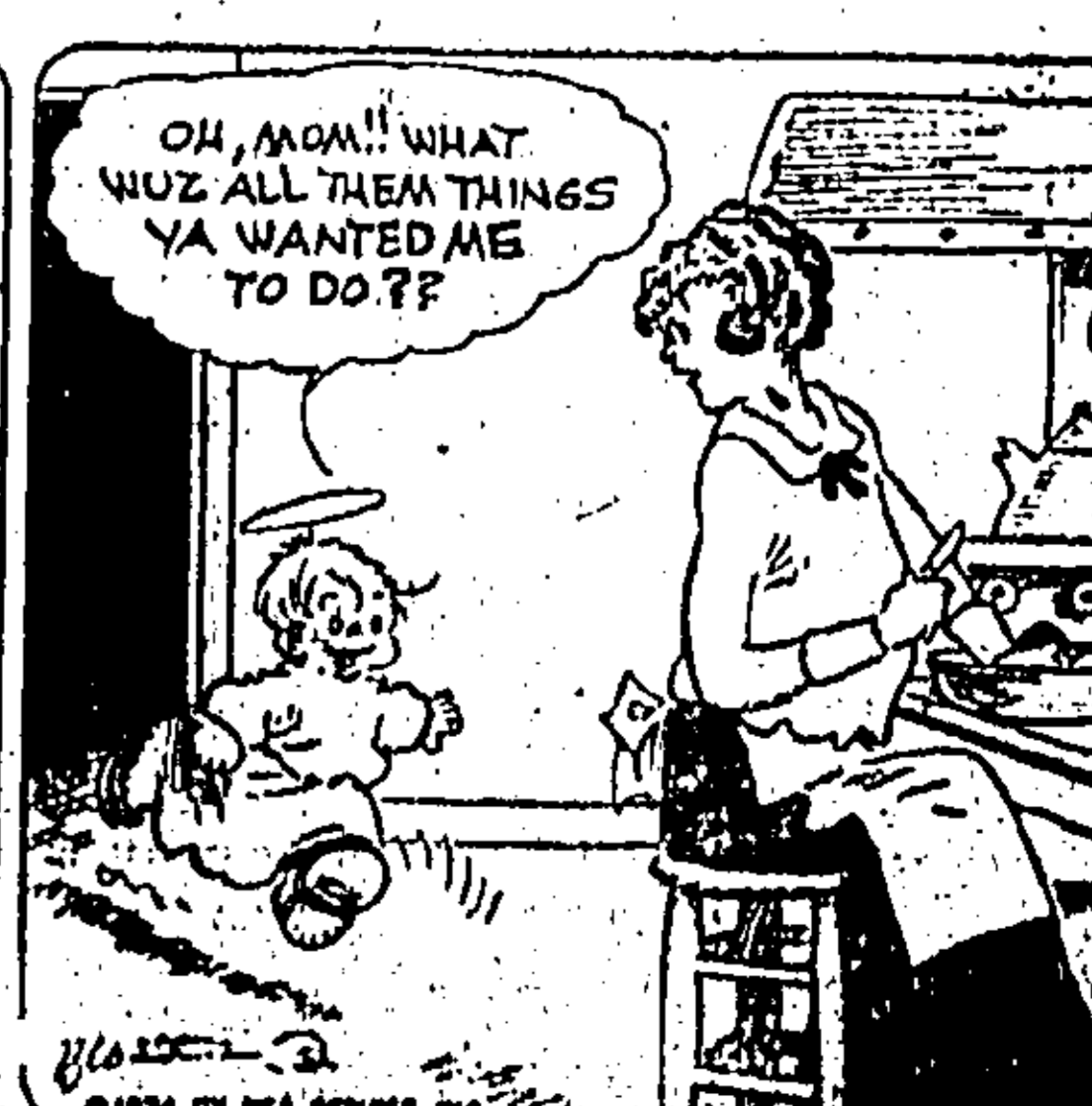
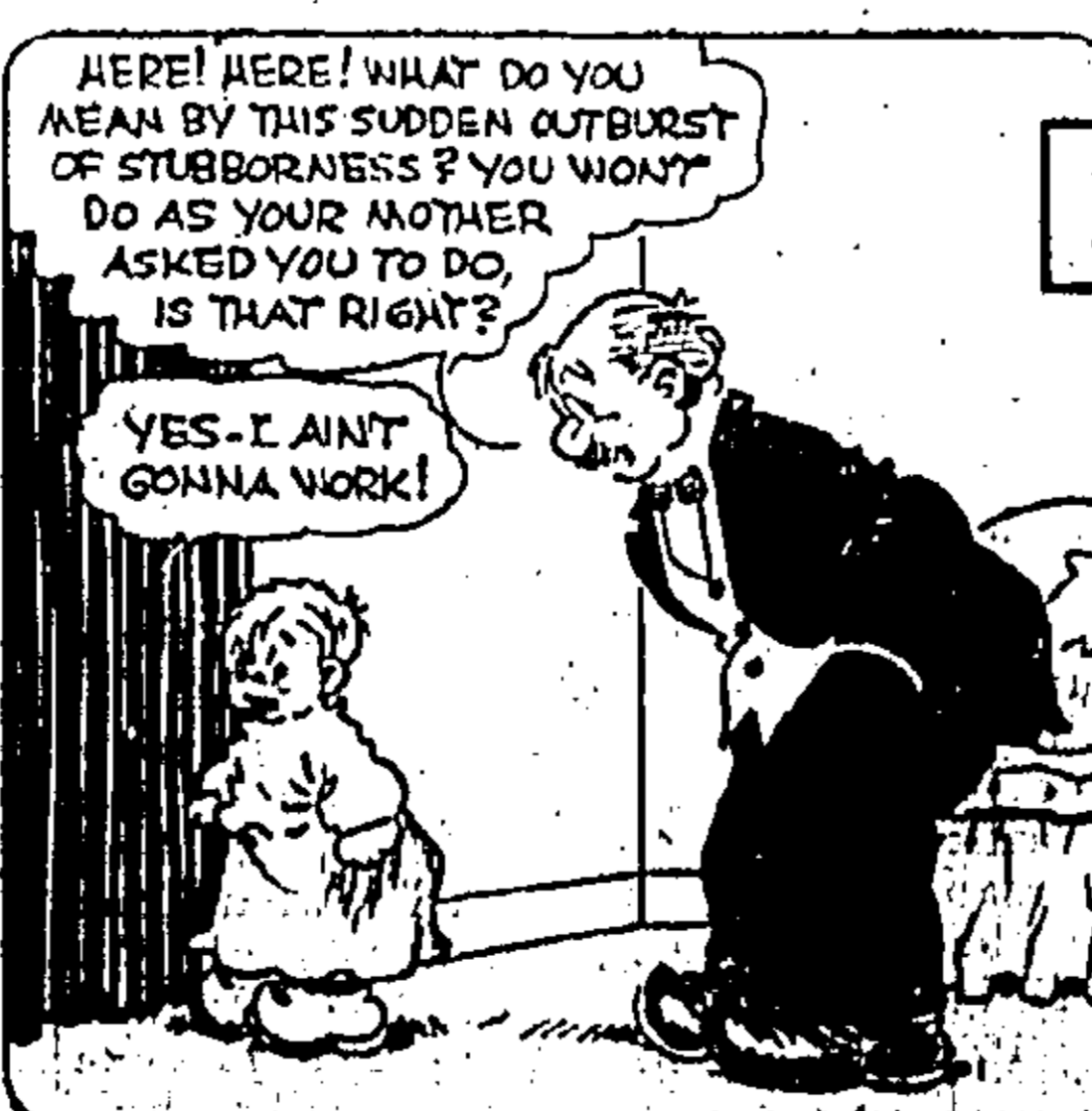


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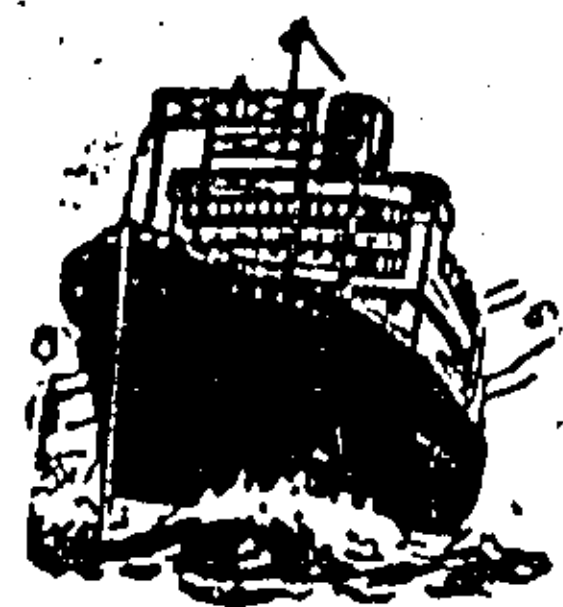
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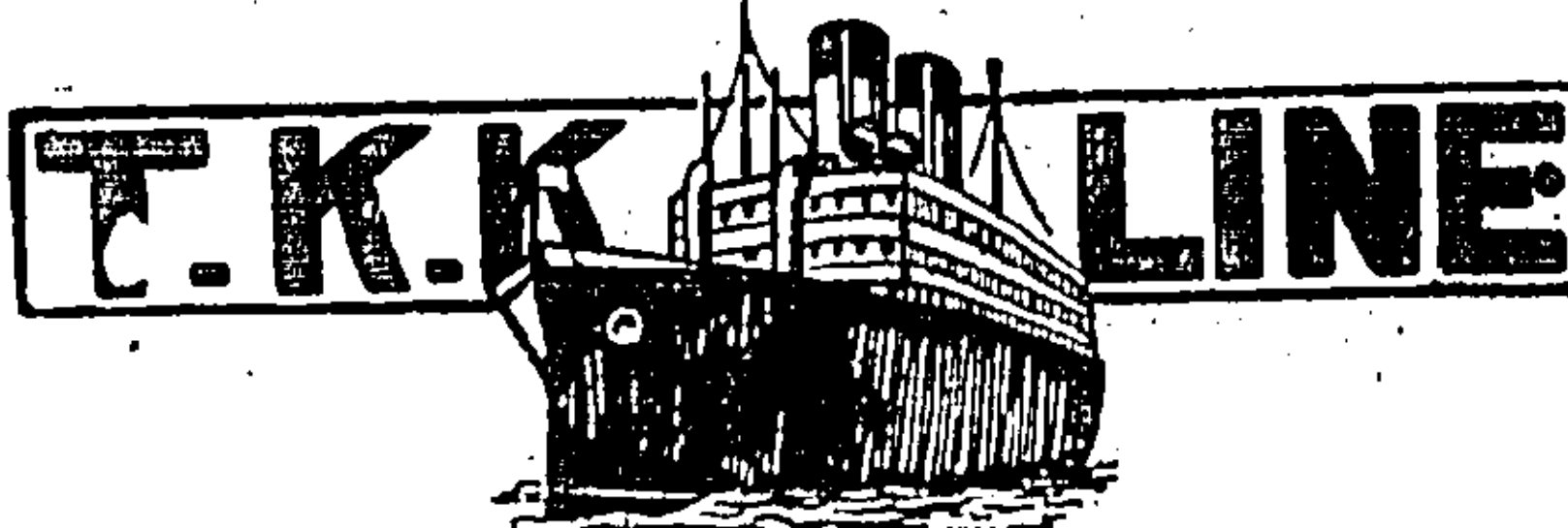
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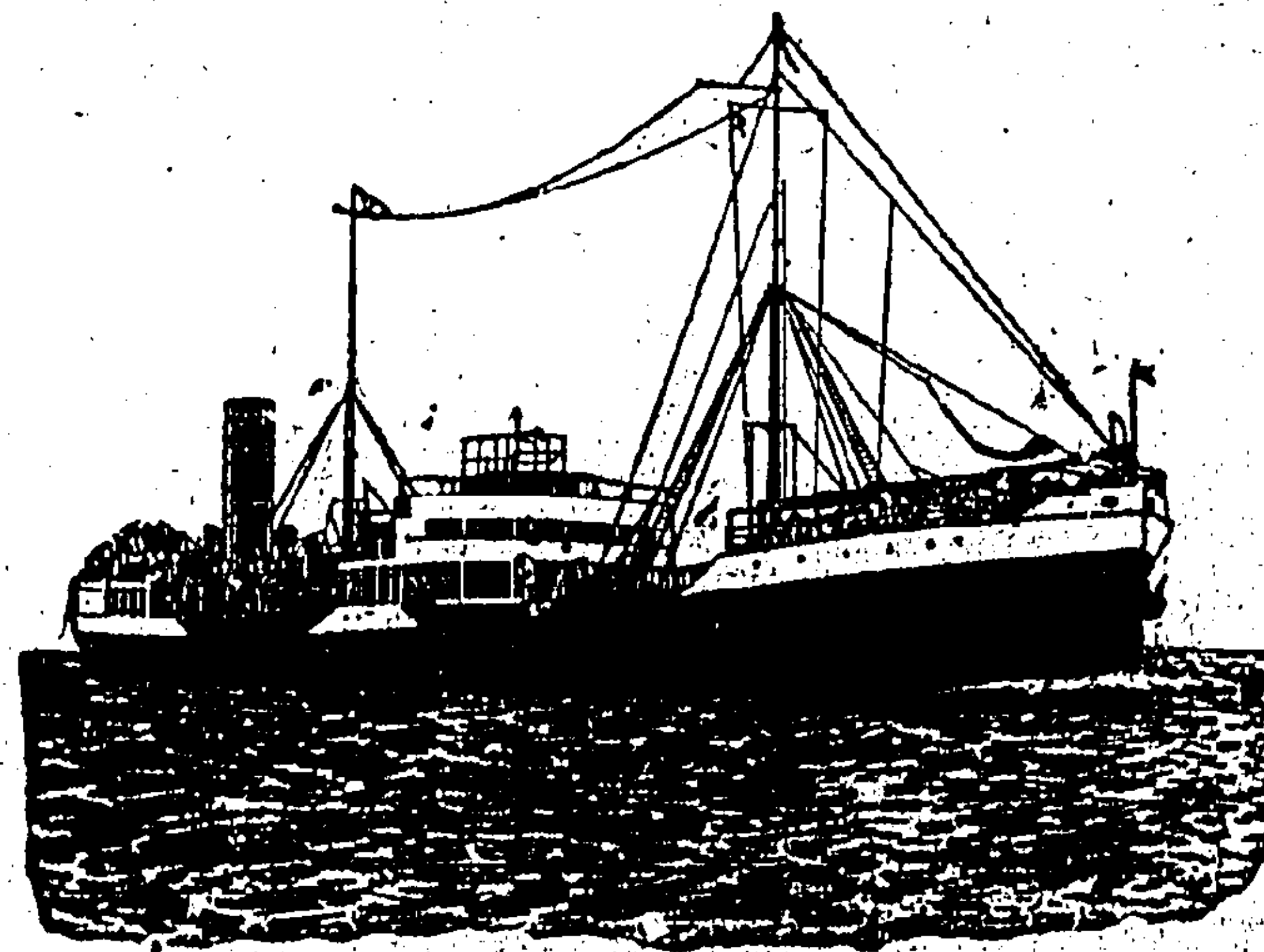
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extra hazardous godowns of the  
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within thirty days of the  
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T. T. Java	13/7	On Yokohama	130 1/2
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Demand Manila	10/70	Demand Singapore	137 1/2
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From	Per	Date.
Shanghai	Sanling	26th Feb.
Manila	Pres. Pierce	26th "
Australia & Manila	Taiwan	26th "
Japan	Taiwan	27th "
Shanghai	Yunnan	27th "
Shanghai	Sinkiang	28th "

## OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date.
Peking & Harbin	Lingchow	Fri. 27 inst., 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai & Japan	Yokohama M.	Fri. 27 inst., 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Shanghai	Fri. 27 inst., noon.
Amoy	Taiwan	Fri. 27 inst., 2.30 p.m.
Hankow & Bangkok	Gitterne	Fri. 27 inst., 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., O. & S. America, & Europe via San Francisco	Changchow	Sat. 28 inst., 9 a.m.
	Pres. Pierce	Sat. 28 inst., 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	9.30 a.m.
	(Due San Francisco 4th Mar.)	
Shanghai	Lingchow	Sat. 28 inst., 10.30 a.m.

## WEATHER REPORT.

Feb. 26d. 11h. 36m.—Pressure has increased moderately over N.E. Japan and slightly from Hongkong to Indo-China. It has decreased moderately from Shanghai to S.W. Japan and the Loochoos and is nearly stationary over the Philippines.

The anticyclone has weakened. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.03 inch. Total since January

1st. 4.71 inches, against an average of 2.97 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS  
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Formosa Channel	
2 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamooks	N. winds, fresh; fair.
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